

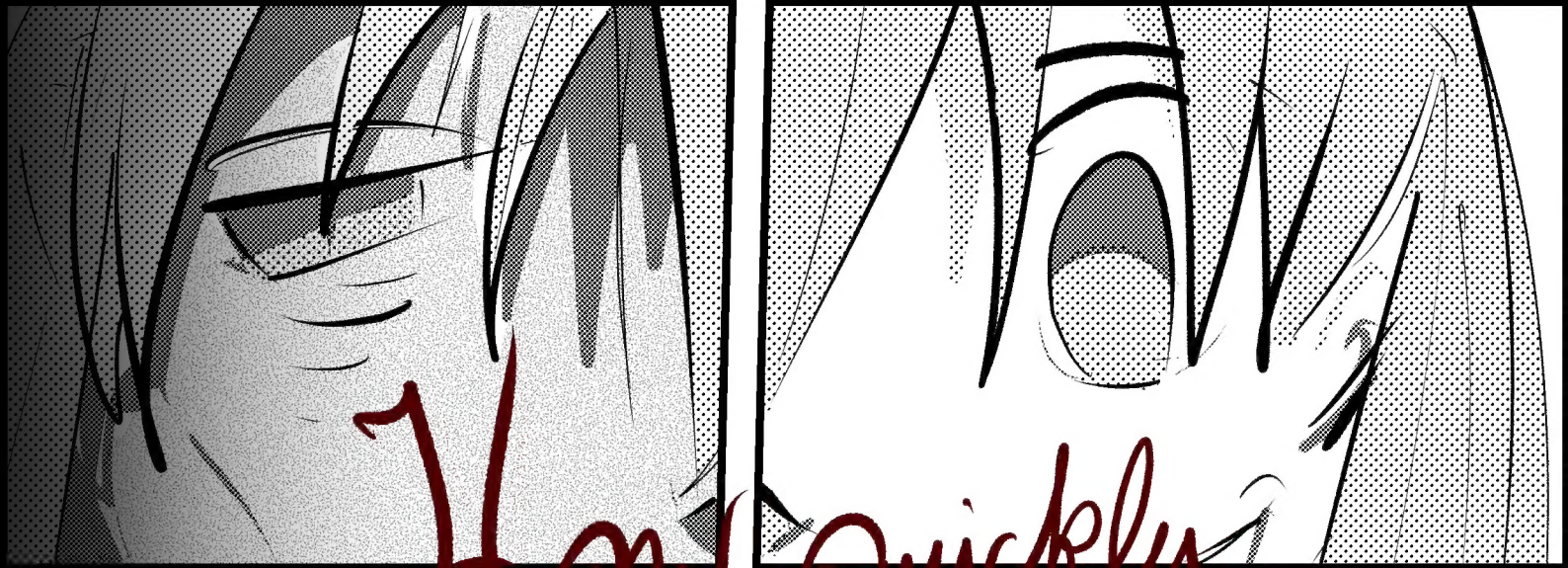
A dynamic manga-style illustration of a battle. A large, orange, flame-like sphere is being struck by a green, whip-like weapon. The background is a dark, blue, and purple sky with jagged, crystalline structures. In the bottom left, there's a small house and some blue, jagged shapes. The overall style is energetic and action-packed.

SOUL EATER

Post...

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Flashbacks
and
Backstabs

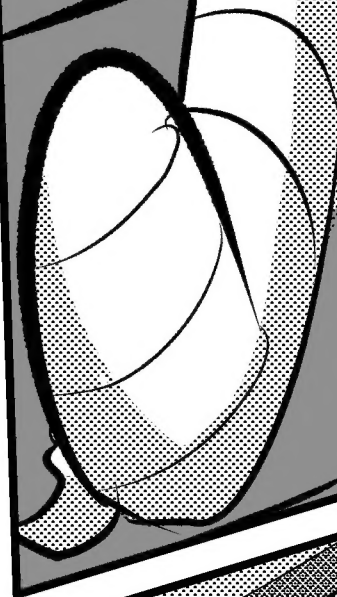


How quickly...



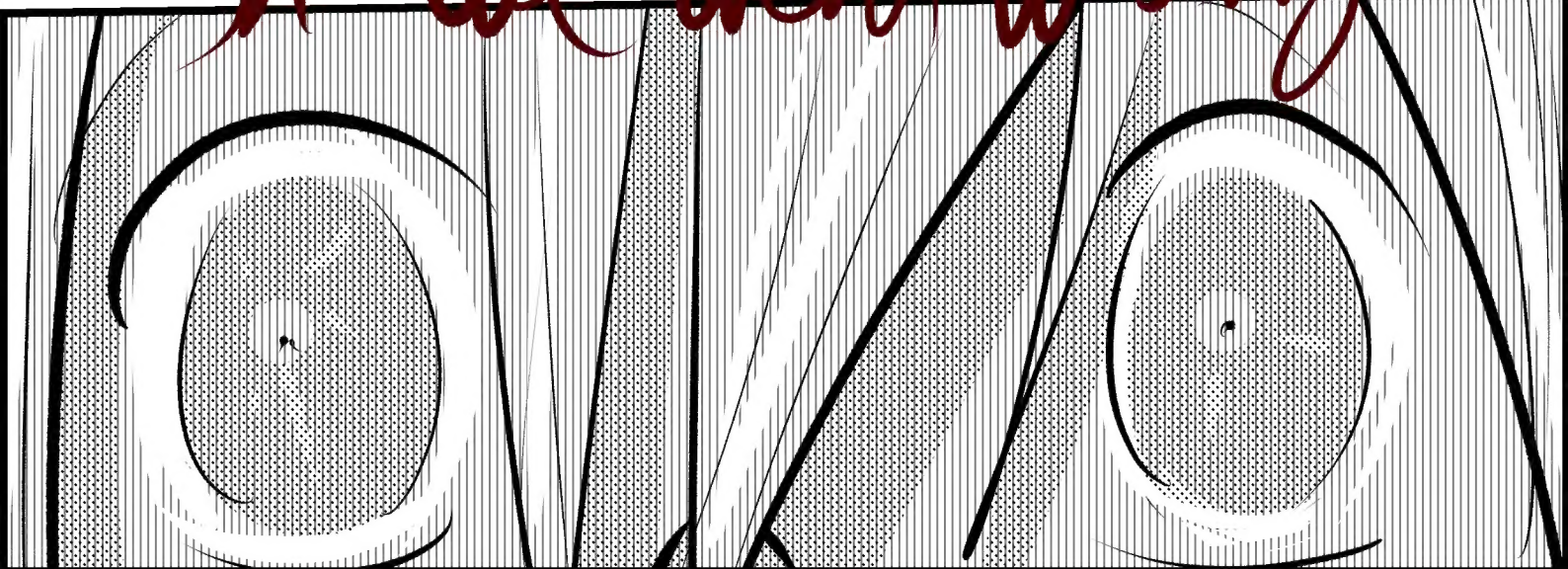
Yeah!
Today is the
day I get
back to the
old me!

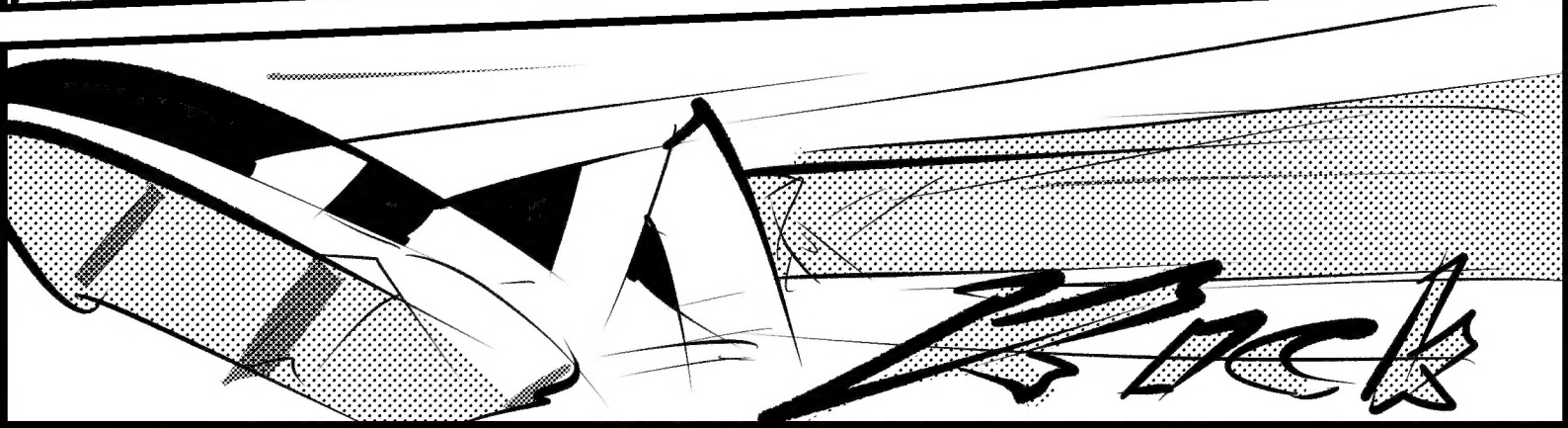
Just need
to remove
this...



BOOM!

This better
not be
Blackstar
again!-







Why do
Americans
have to wear
shoes inside!



Another
girl choosing
jocks over
me!



Better
be
healed
...

Good that
I was prepared
for if Stein
got
suspicious



The balance may not be perfect, but...

Who wants
their soul
taken first?



Oh, more resilient
than expected...



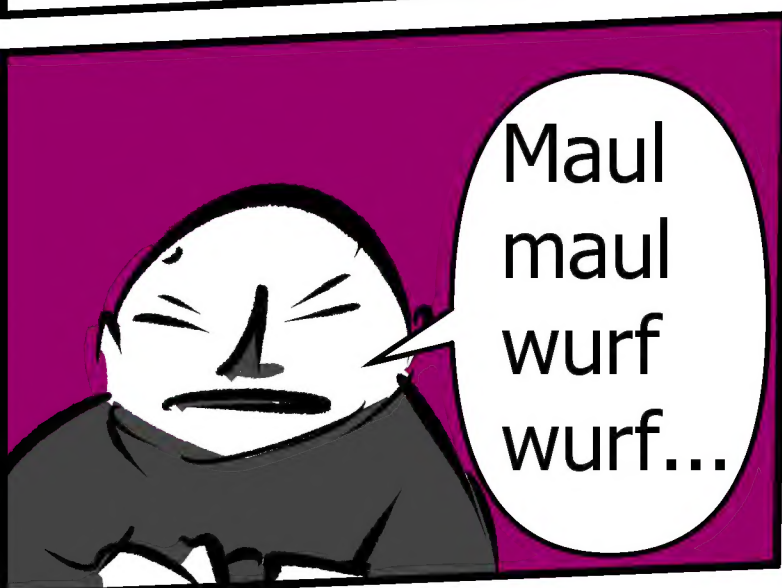
Is what I
planned for

So as
expected
afterall...



This isn't
supreme
at all!

While she cuts
down on some of
our human resources

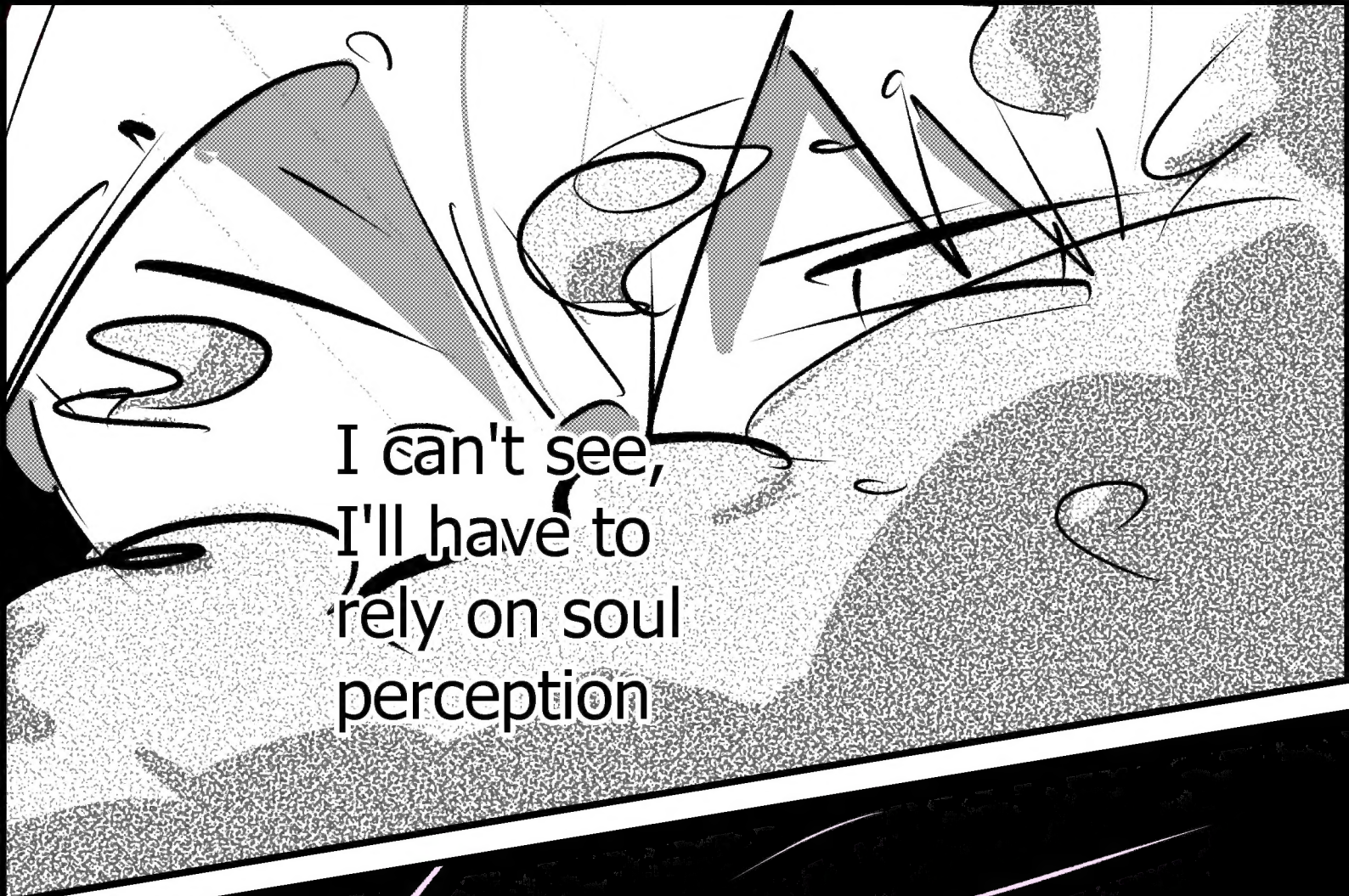


Maul
maul
wurf
wurf...



I'll prepare
the distraction





I can't see,
I'll have to
rely on soul
perception



There's
the
witch!



SO P PRISON!

What
the-

NOW!



I can't
move

or transform

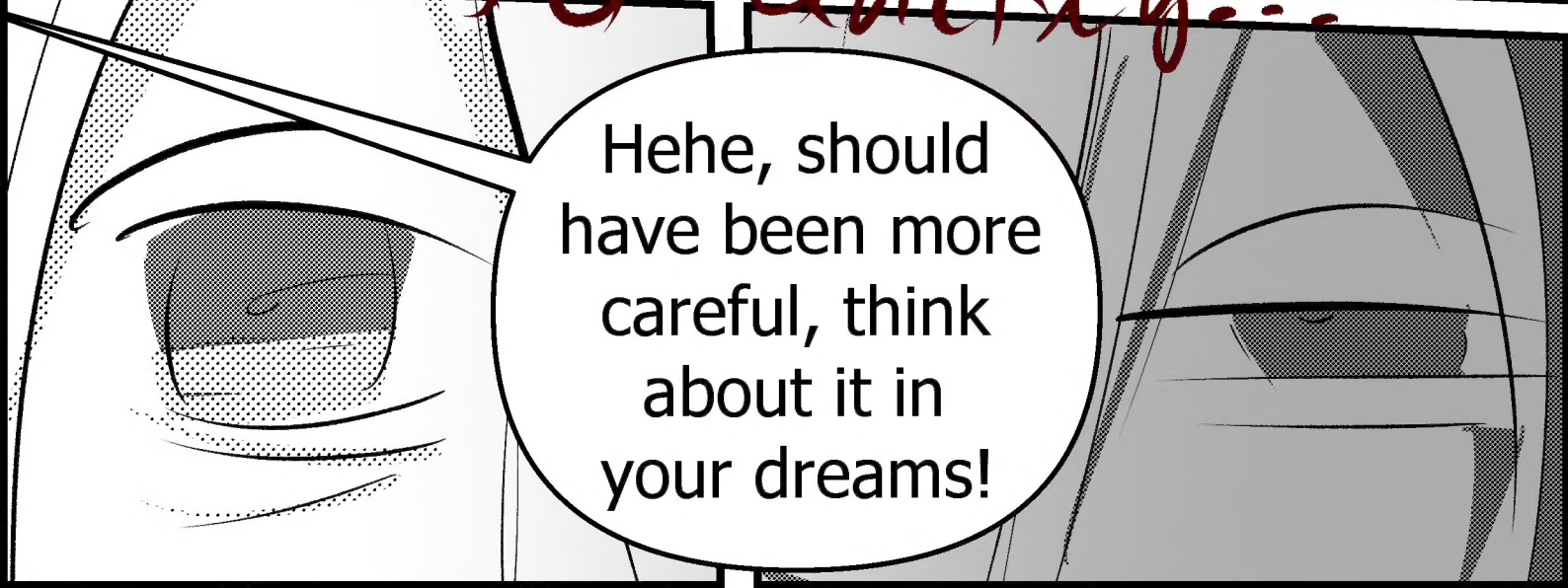


You
won't
get
me!



But we
already
did...

So quickly...



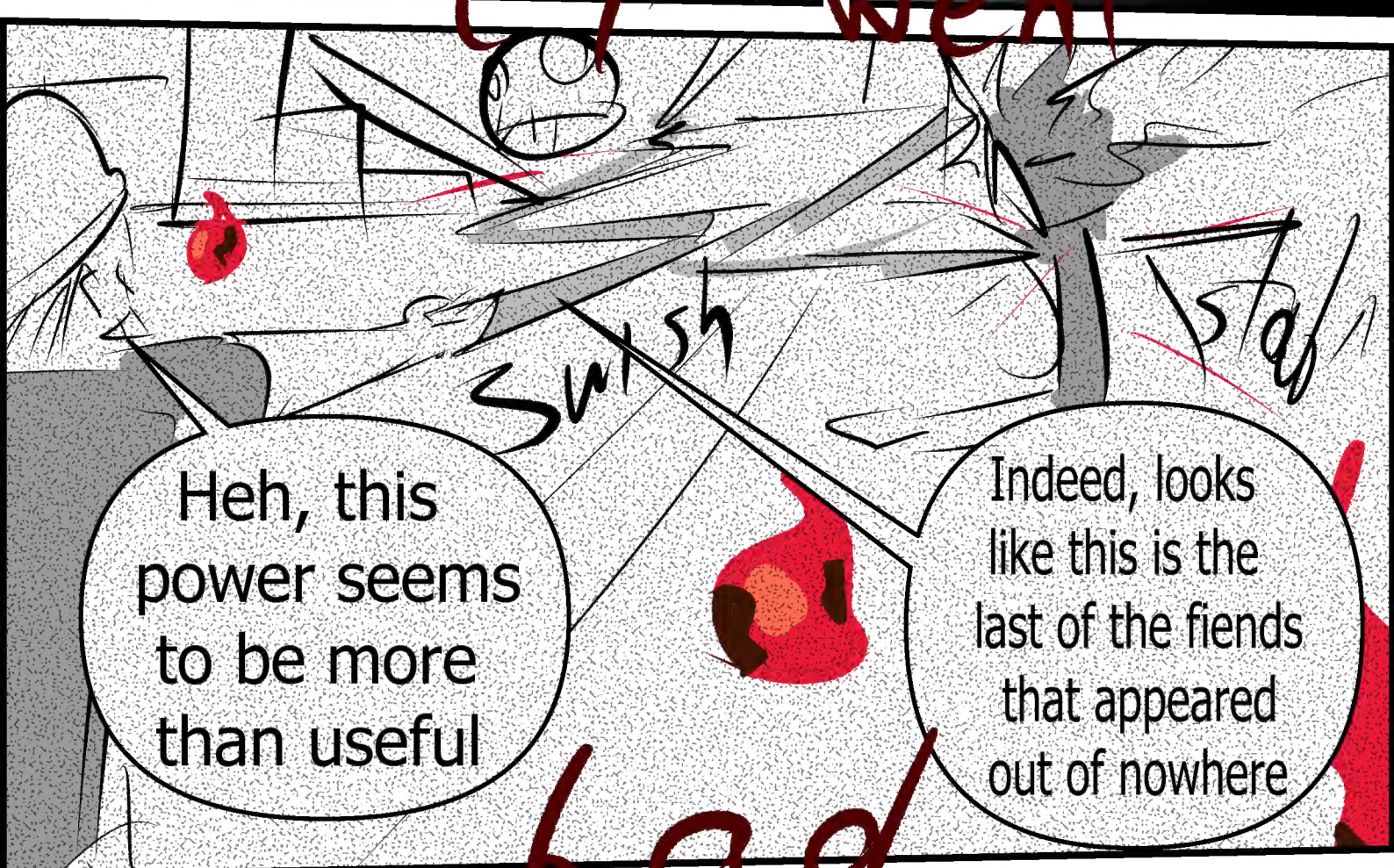
Hehe, should
have been more
careful, think
about it in
your dreams!



This
can't
be...

We...Crona

save Soul-



Heh, this
power seems
to be more
than useful

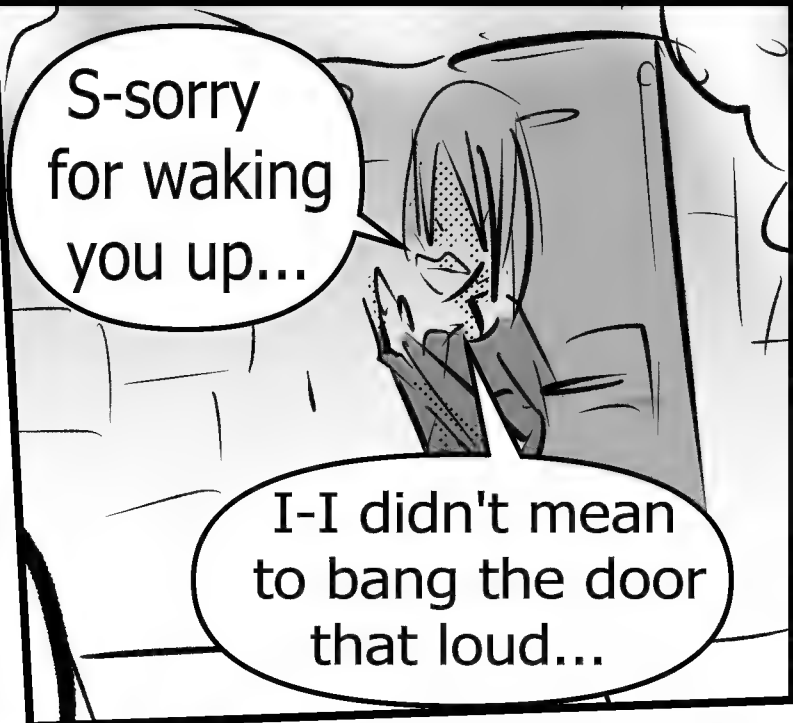
Indeed, looks
like this is the
last of the fiends
that appeared
out of nowhere



But where
the hell is
Maka's flat!



Oh... It's just another dream recalling my failures...



S-sorry for waking you up...

I-I didn't mean to bang the door that loud...



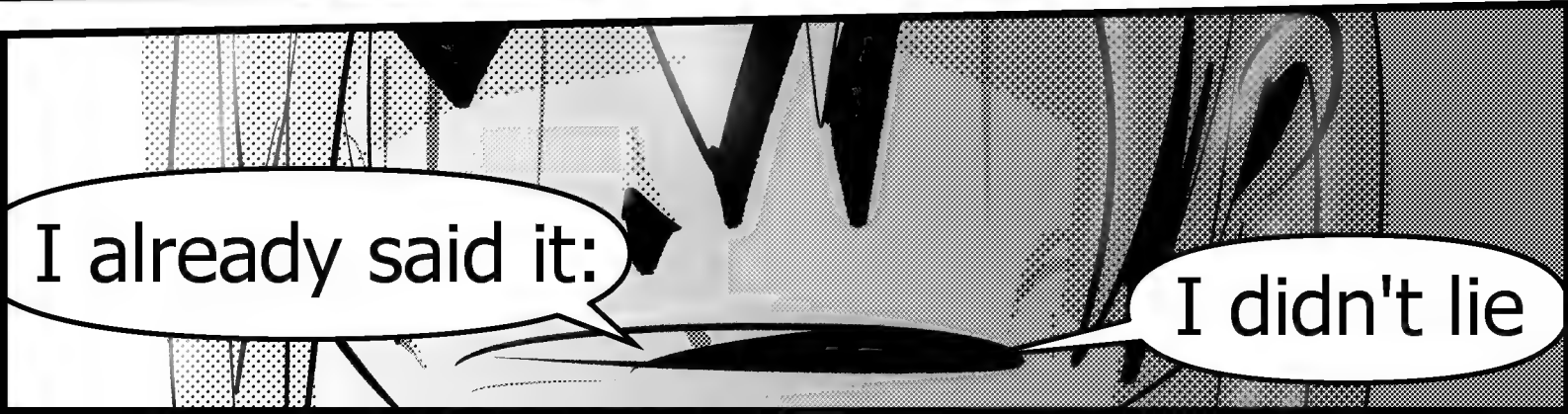
Spare me the pleasantries

What are you here for, to quarter me or what?




O-oh dear no-

We-we are still working on a better truth potion-



I already said it:

I didn't lie



Even if I wanted to,
that poison you gave
me would make me
spit it out



I just can't
reveal more


that's as
much as
I know:



It was courage!

That
defeated
the kishin

something your cowardly
bunch who attacks in such
a treachourous way
would never get!




P-please, for
your own sake...

If-if you don't,
th-they will-



What, cut my arms off,

dissolve me in acid or
force read me young
adult "literature"?




That's what your
kind does, so why
do you pretend like
you care?



I- I- it's-

Didn't care about
how many people
could have died in
your little stunt!



I-it was a
necesarry
maneuver!

T-to
reach a
prudent
goal

tch!



Wow, what a noble goal!

To get
the power
to destroy even
more life!


No- I-

I-I- mean-

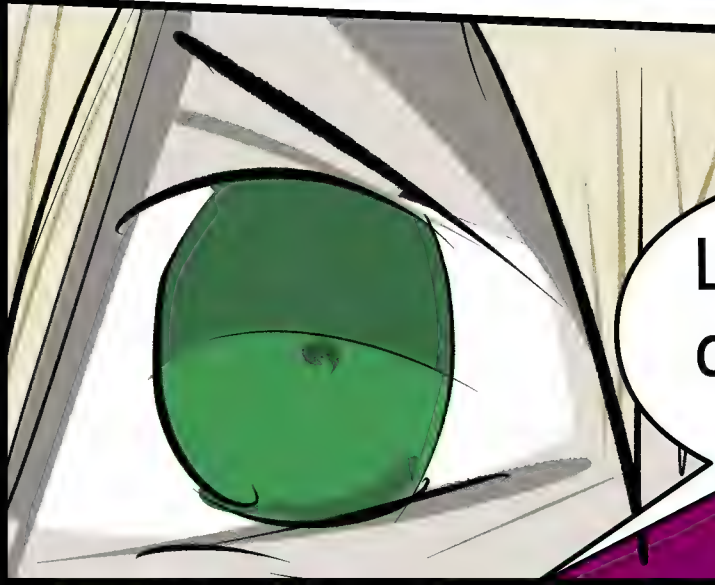
Yes!

It-it's


the only way!



I-I don't want
to hurt anybody,
but if-if it's me
or- or- them...

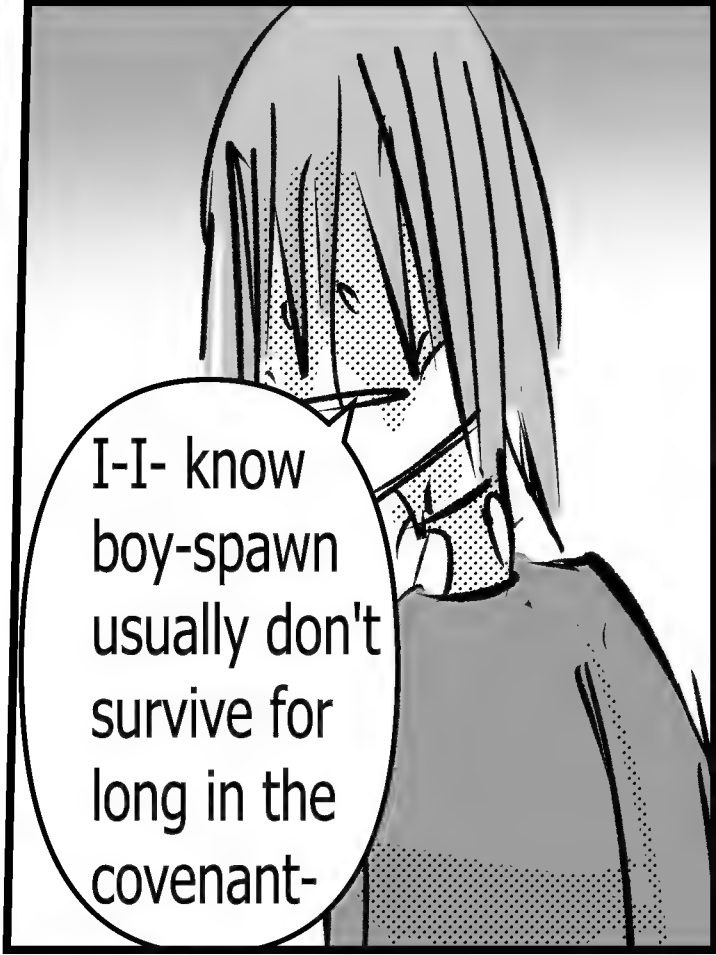


Liar! I know what witches
do, what they have done
to my friends...

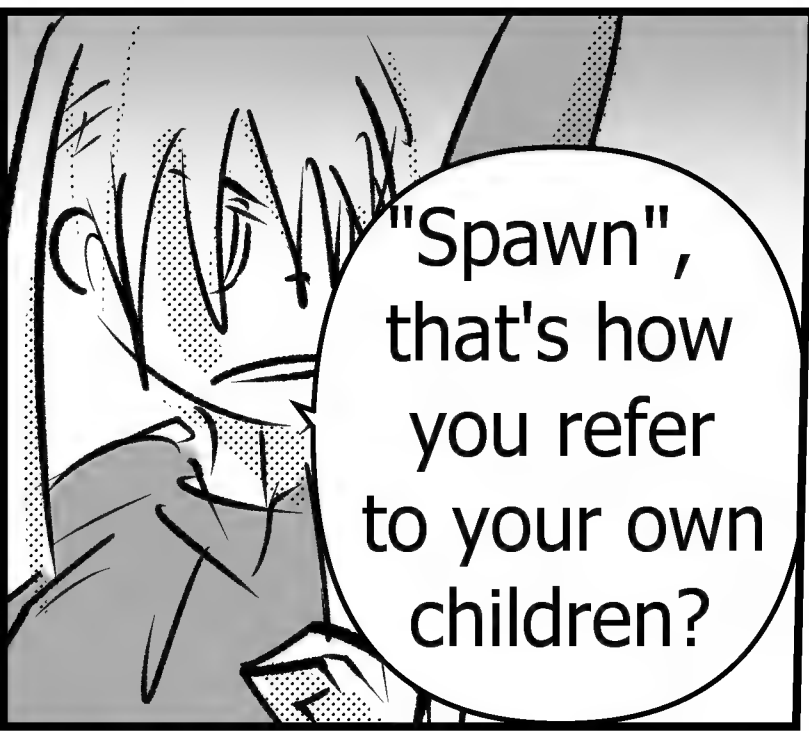


How he was
tormented
by his own
mother...


What a sick
culture of monsters



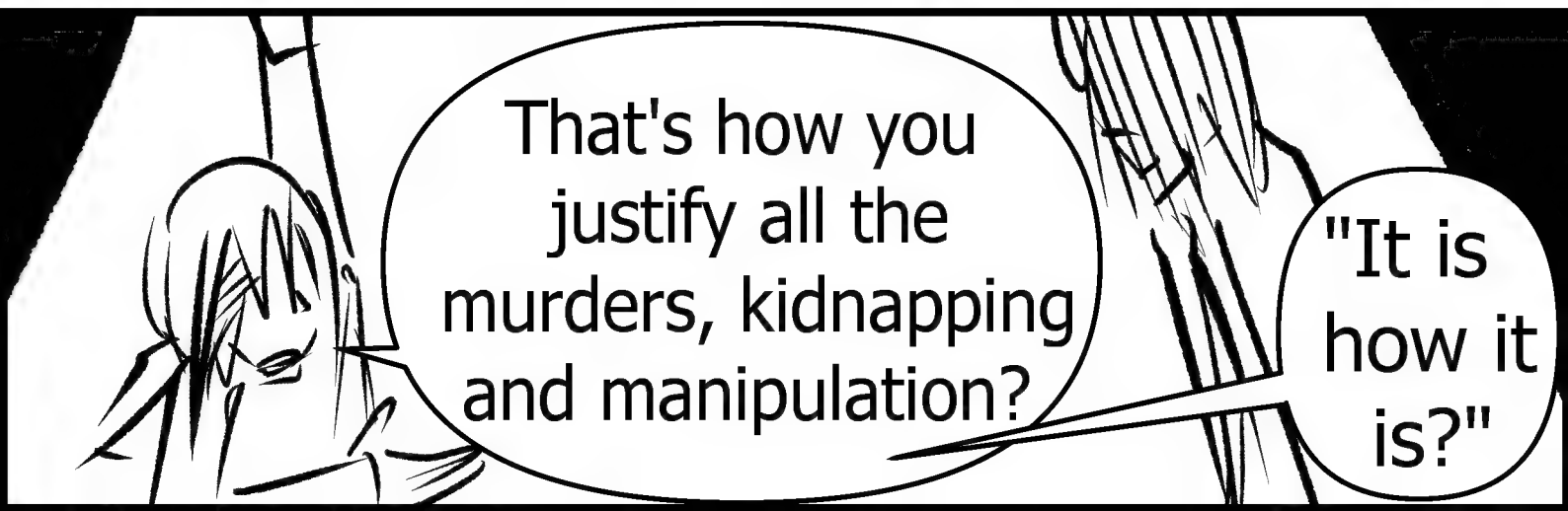
I-I- know
boy-spawn
usually don't
survive for
long in the
covenant-



"Spawn",
that's how
you refer
to your own
children?

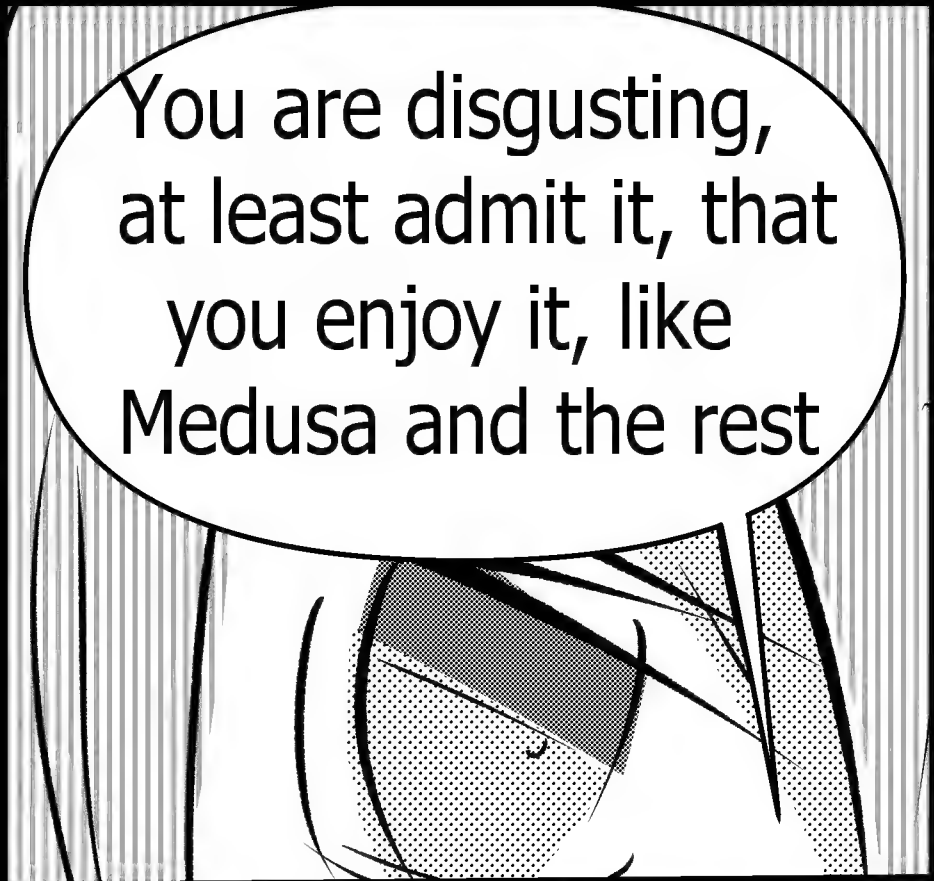


I-it's simply
how it was
allways done



That's how you
justify all the
murders, kidnapping
and manipulation?

"It is
how it
is?"



You are disgusting,
at least admit it, that
you enjoy it, like
Medusa and the rest

Medusa



I DON'T!



I hate it!


You are right!
I lack courage,
but I also lack
everything else!



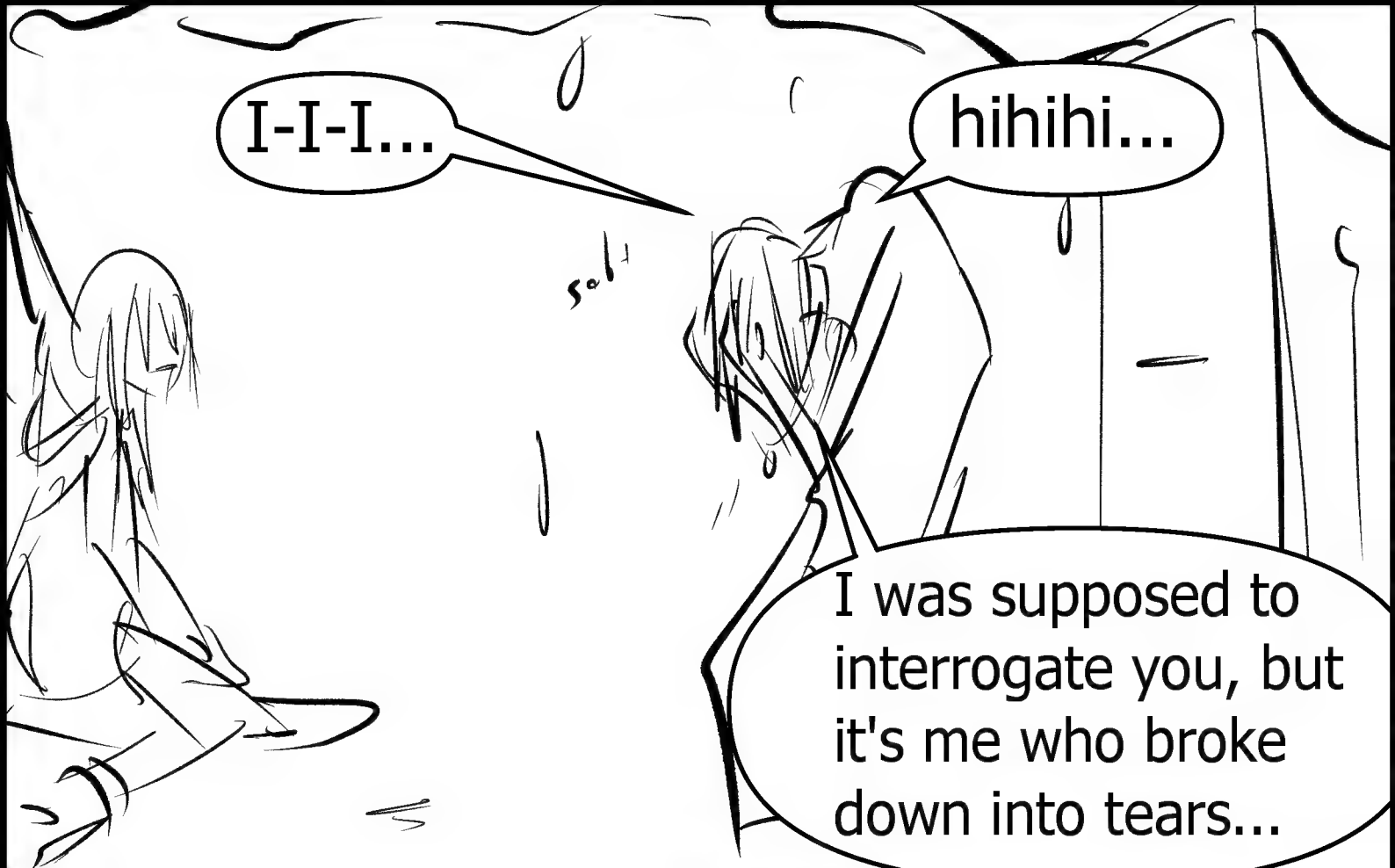
I'm afraid that
I'll never be a
good enough
witch



Afraid of
the DWMA
hunting me
down



Afraid of not living up
to my mother, seeing
the disgust in her eyes,
and even more afraid of
disappointing the one who
took me in and showed
so much pity to me!



I-I-I...

hihihi...

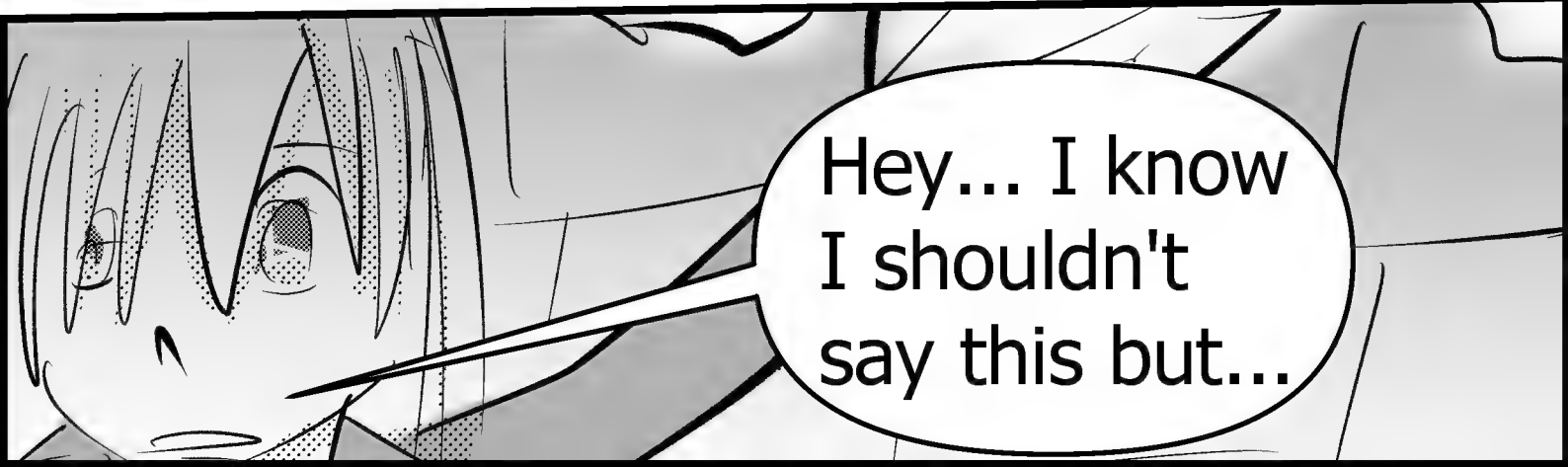
I was supposed to interrogate you, but it's me who broke down into tears...



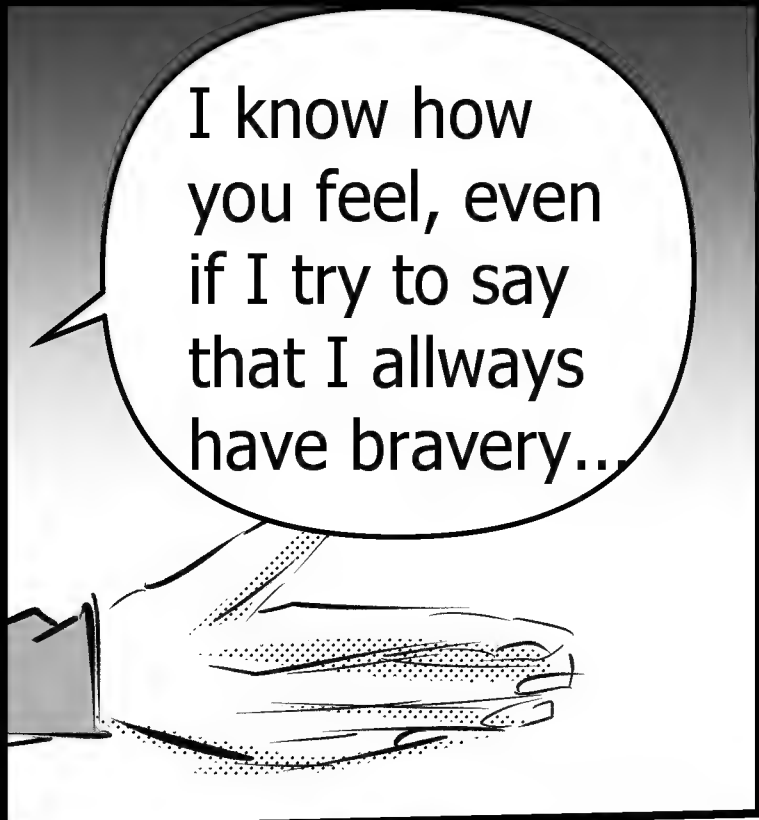
With how tricky witches are, this is likely just a technique to manipulate me




Still, I can't but feel sympathy for her, as if she reminded me of-




Hey... I know I shouldn't say this but...



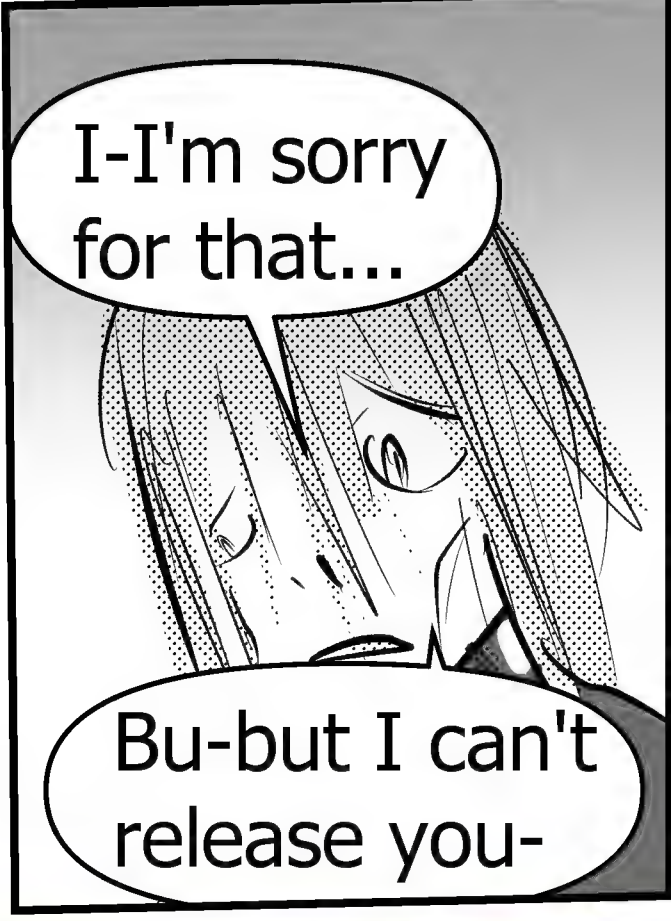
I know how
you feel, even
if I try to say
that I always
have bravery...



Often I feel
like a failure,
afraid of what
the future
will bring

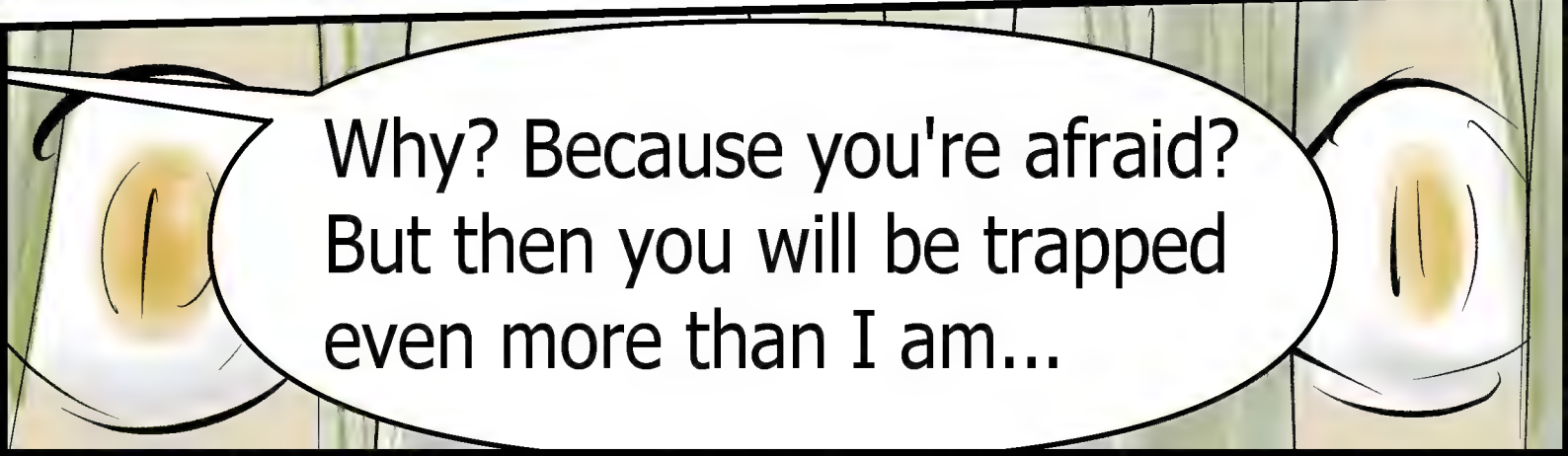


Even now,
I mostly
play up my
confidence
because I'm
trapped here



I-I'm sorry
for that...

Bu-but I can't
release you-



Why? Because you're afraid?
But then you will be trapped
even more than I am...

Without
courage
there is
no lodestar
in the sea
of madness

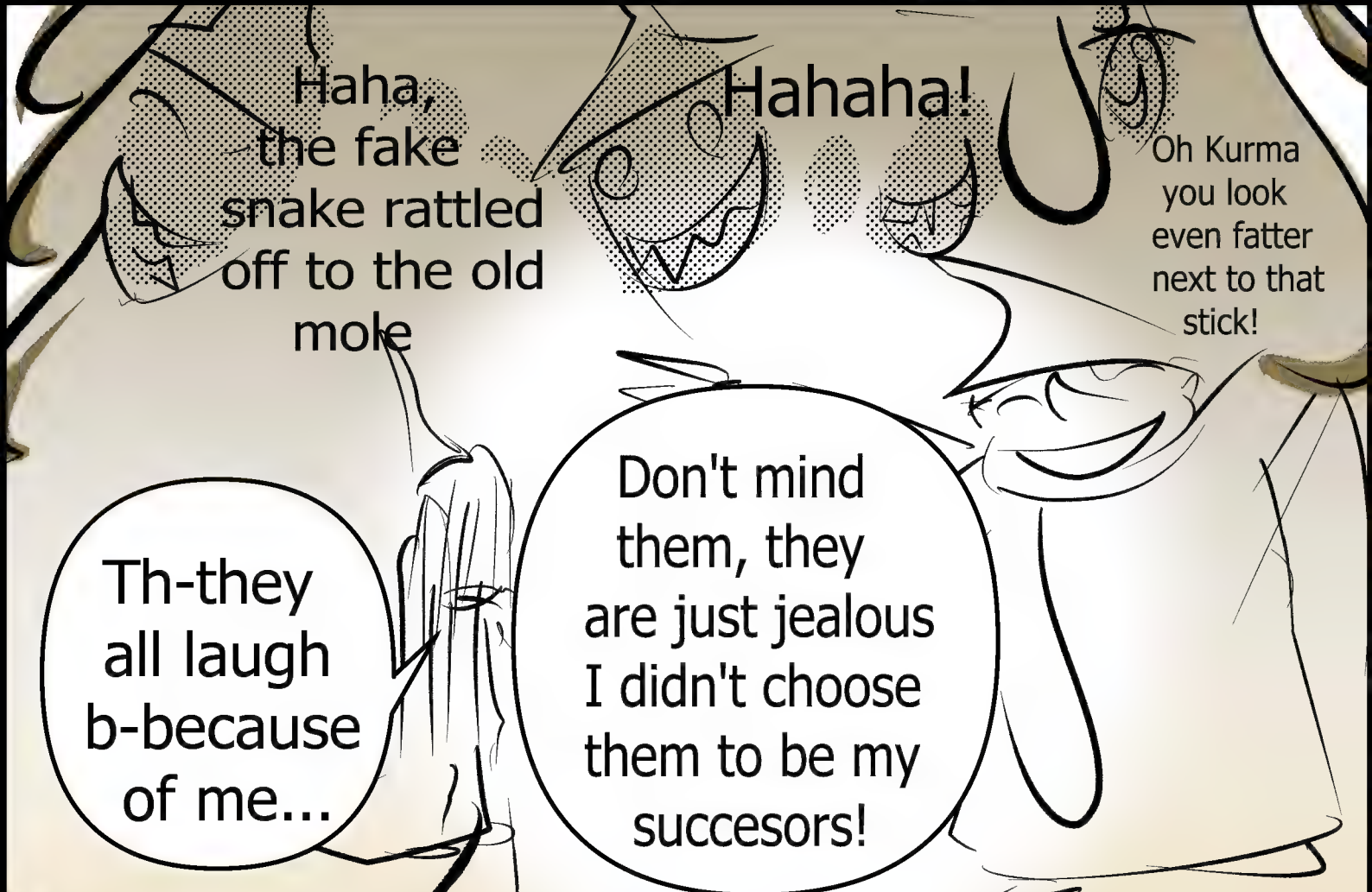
So please, just-

Y-you don't
understand!

The one
I can't let
down, I'm
doing it all
for her...

Don't cry,
you will be
the apprentice
of the great
witch Kurma!

Here is a
crown fitting
for a queen
of the forrest



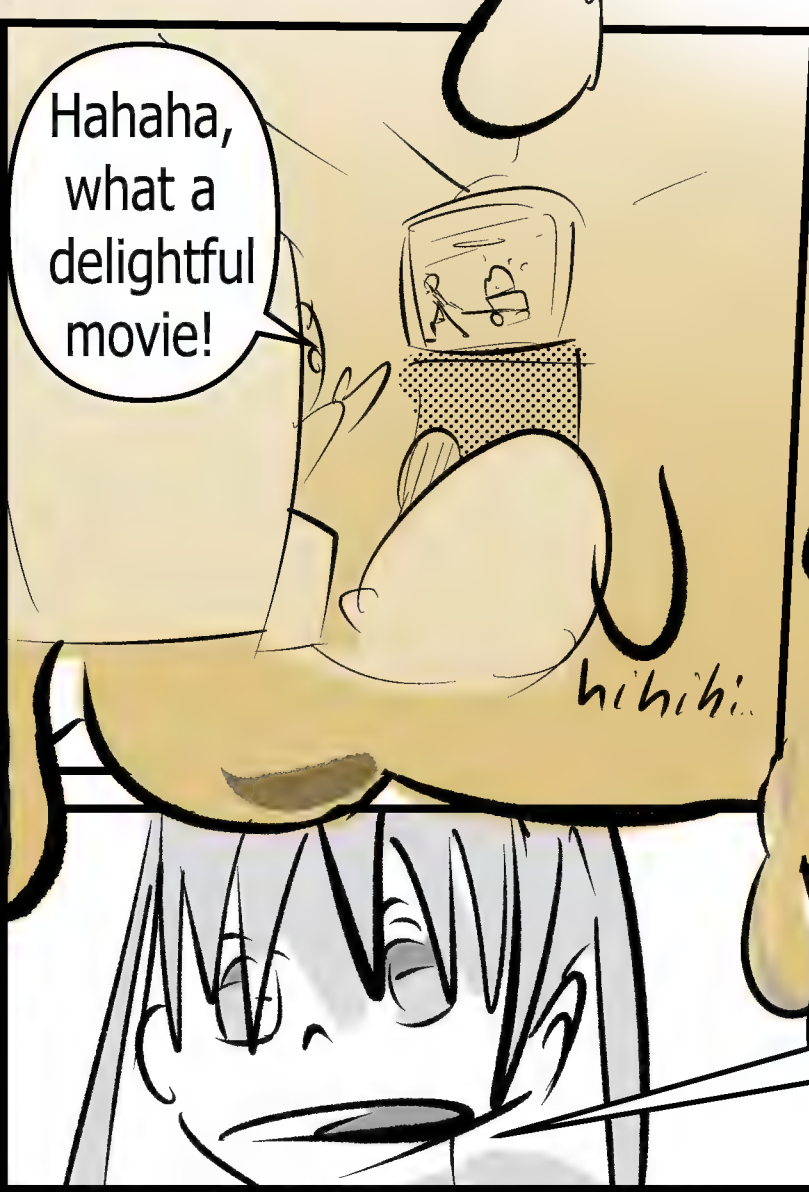
Haha,
the fake
snake rattled
off to the old
mole

Hahaha!

Oh Kurma
you look
even fatter
next to that
stick!

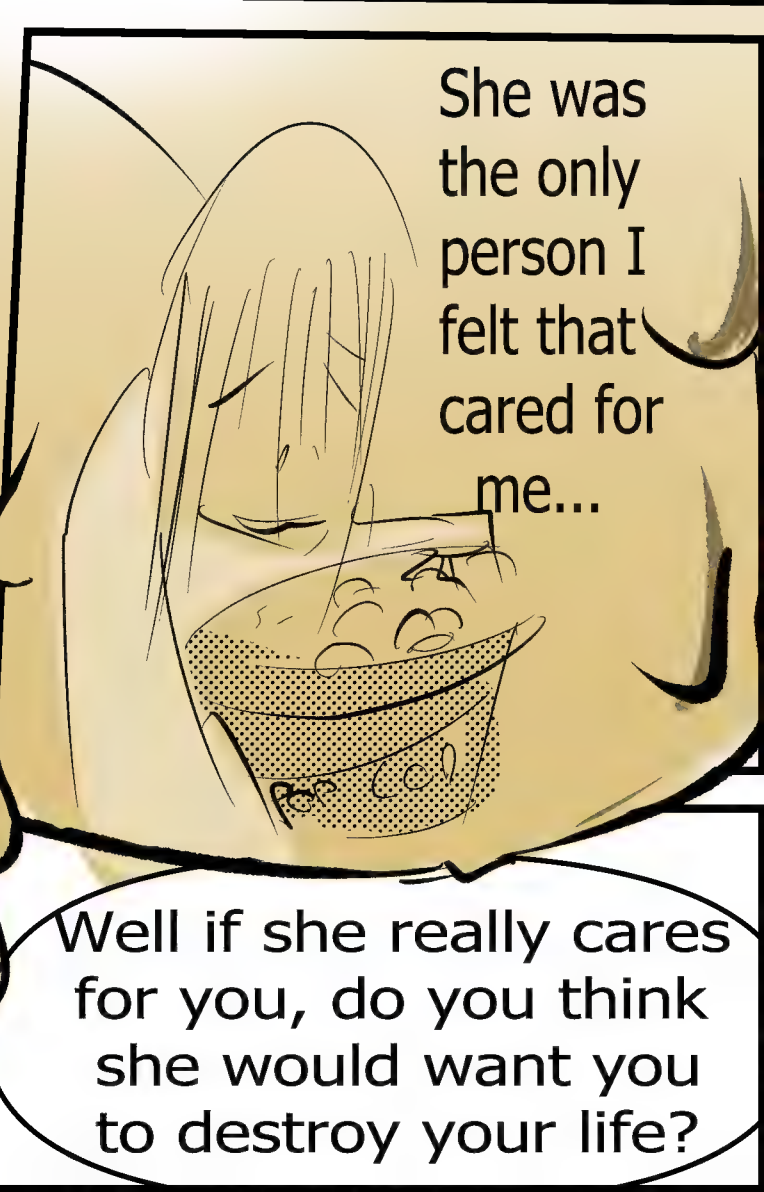
Th-they
all laugh
b-because
of me...

Don't mind
them, they
are just jealous
I didn't choose
them to be my
succesors!



Hahaha,
what a
delightful
movie!

hahaha




She was
the only
person I
felt that
cared for
me...

Well if she really cares
for you, do you think
she would want you
to destroy your life?



Destroy?

DESTROY?!



She's the only one that didn't want that!

She would never-




I'm not saying she is doing it on purpose...

But recently even my own mother-



S-stop!

You don't know my mother, my situation!



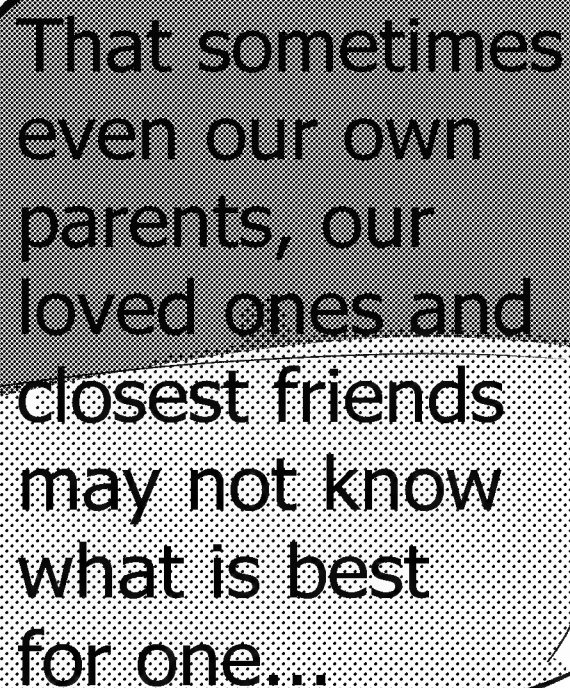
I-I spoke too much, I have to g-go



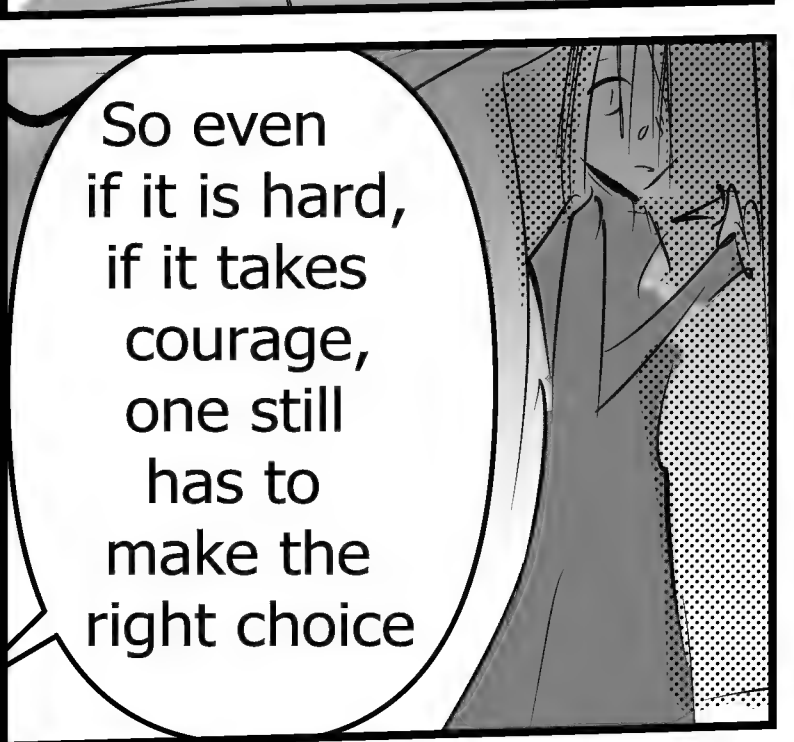
Zalte, quick, we got some complications




I-I- just
wanted
to say



That sometimes
even our own
parents, our
loved ones and
closest friends
may not know
what is best
for one...



So even
if it is hard,
if it takes
courage,
one still
has to
make the
right choice



I-I'm not listening
anymore to any
of Death's lies...

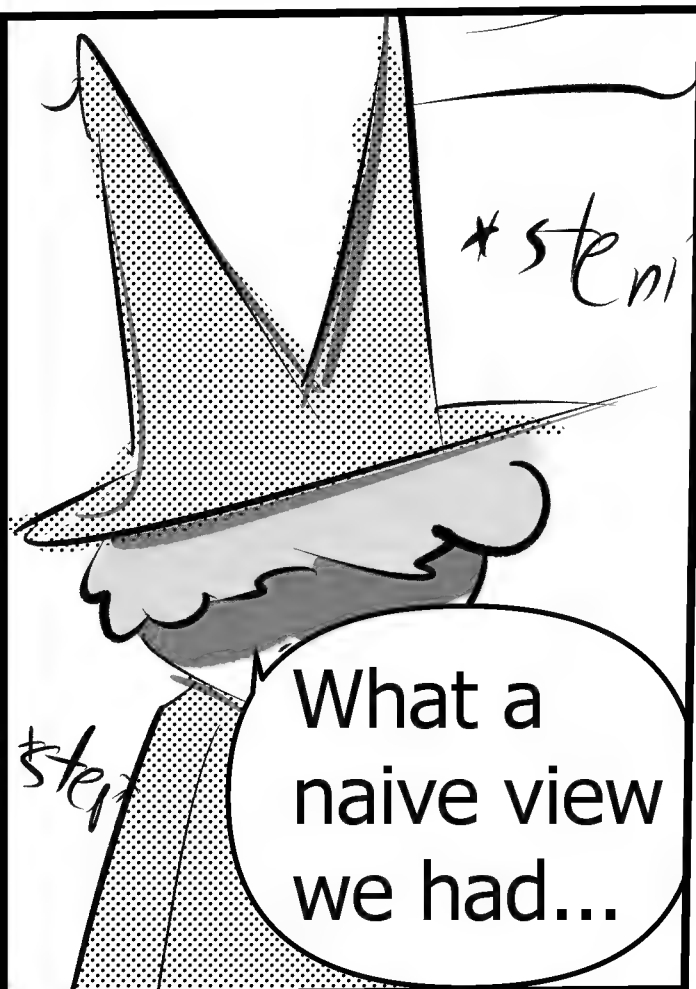
Yes...



x Duh x

A witch, no
matter how
wicked she
may seems,
will care for
her kind...

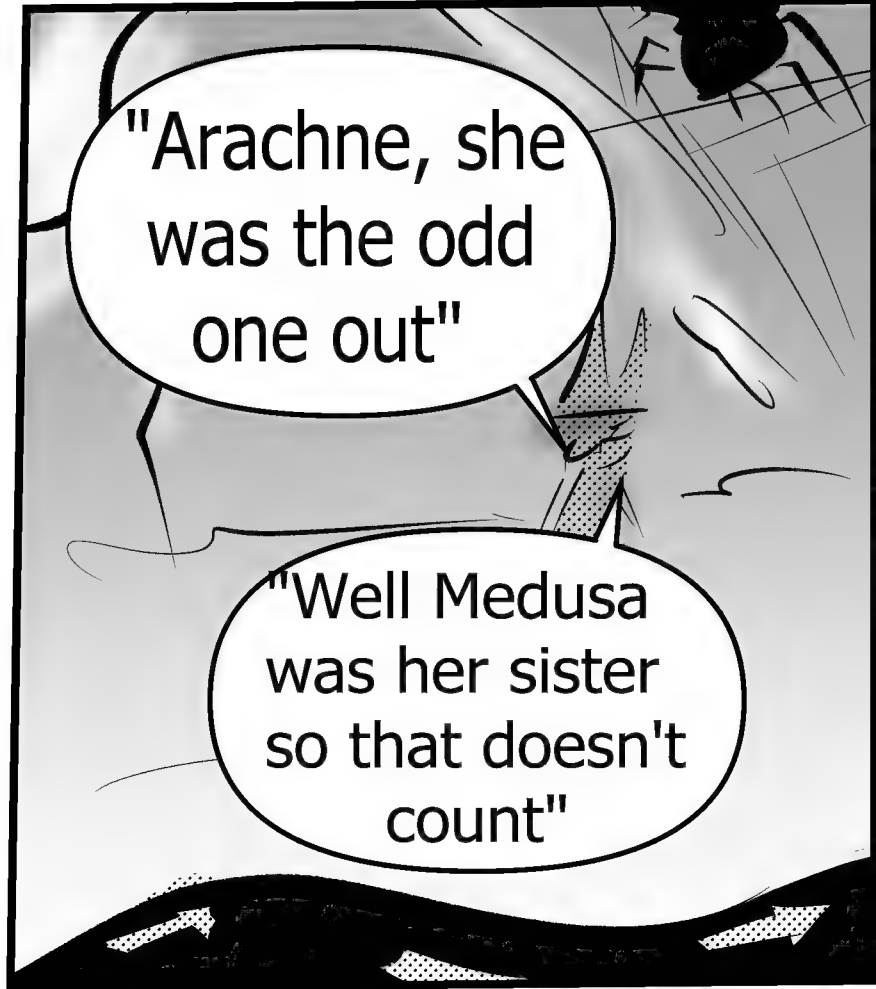
Right?



*step

step

What a naive view we had...

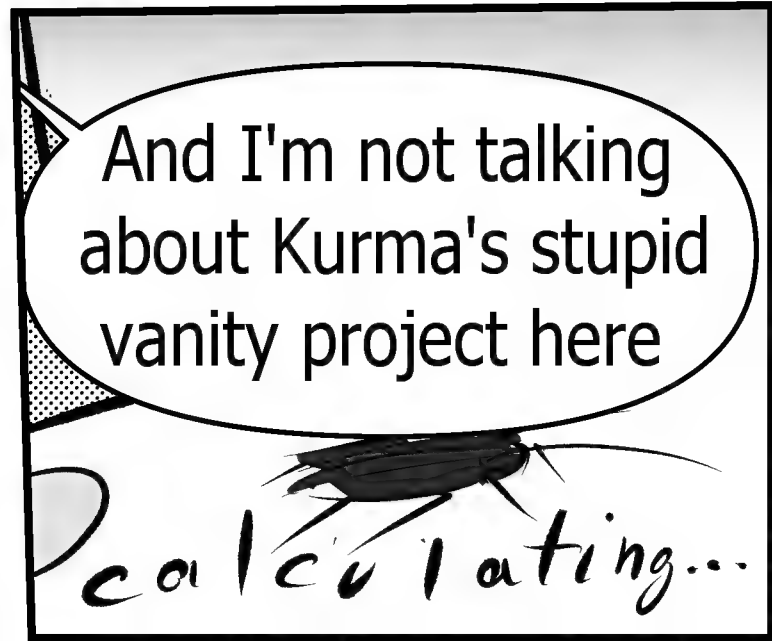


"Arachne, she was the odd one out"

"Well Medusa was her sister so that doesn't count"

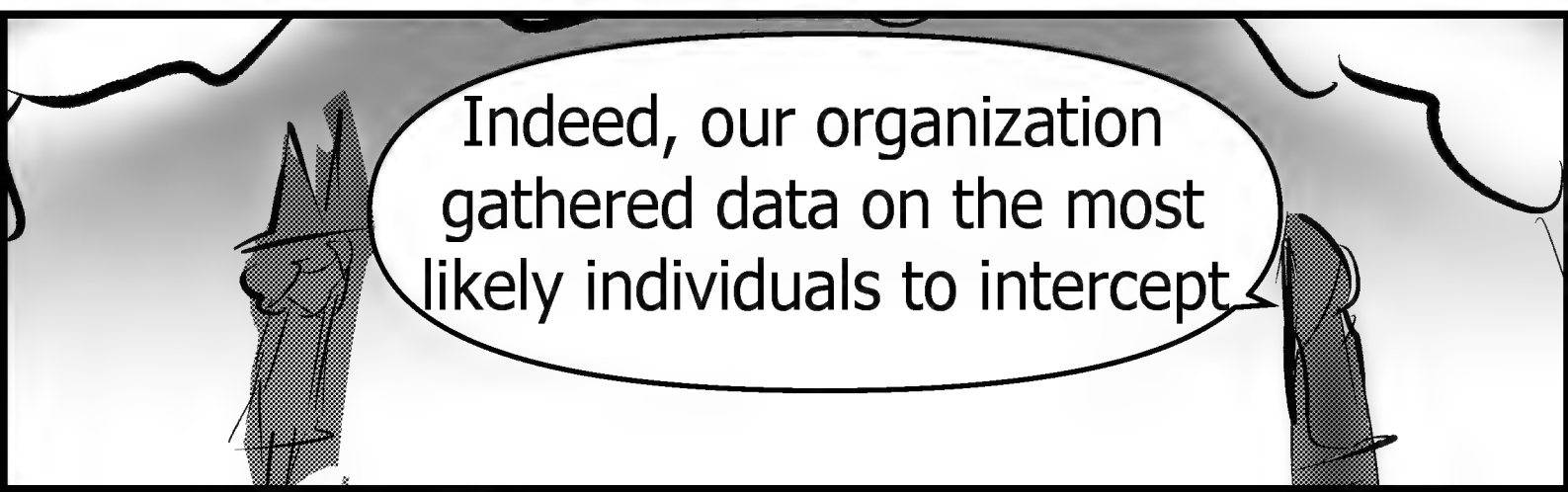
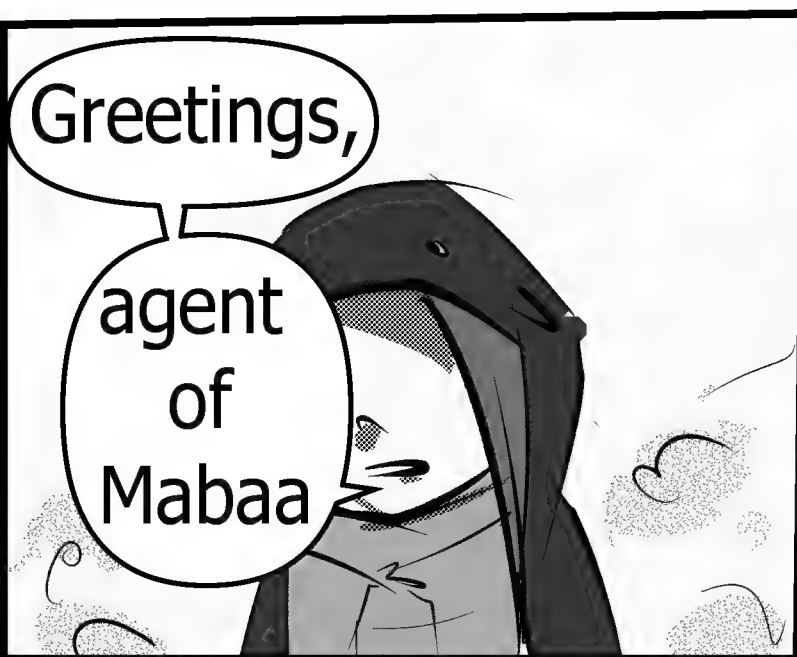


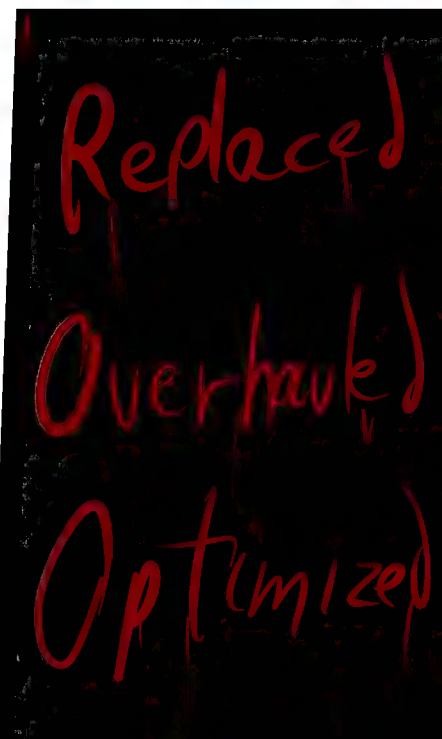
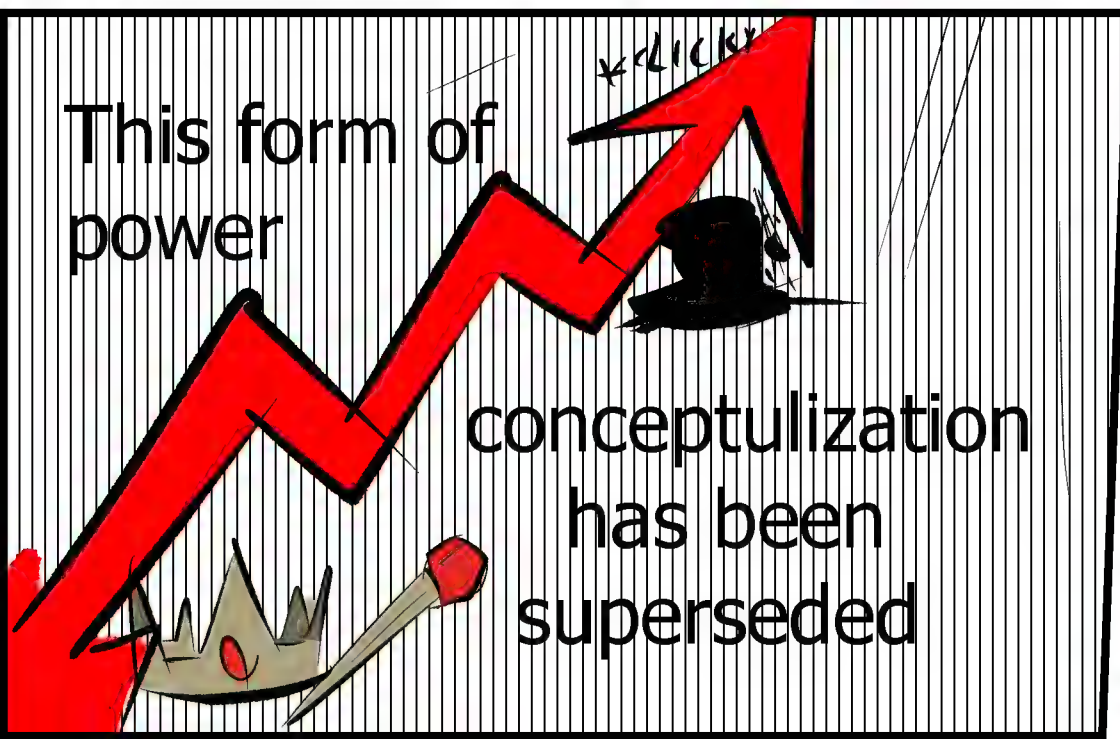
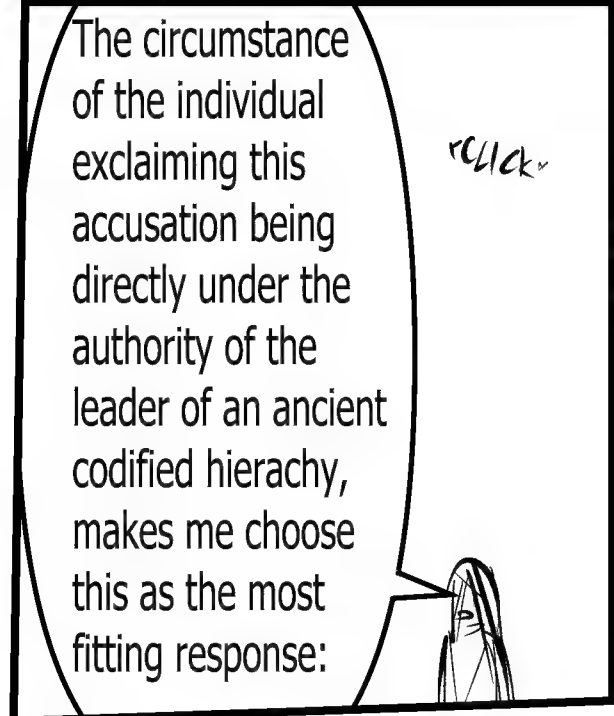
But now it seems there is a whole cabal of traitors

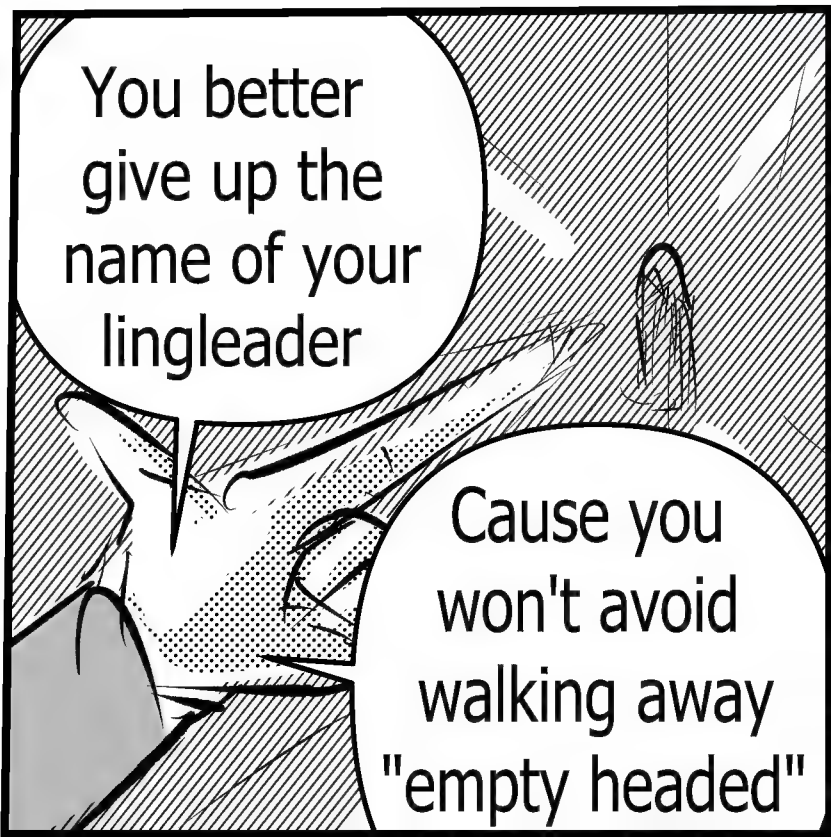
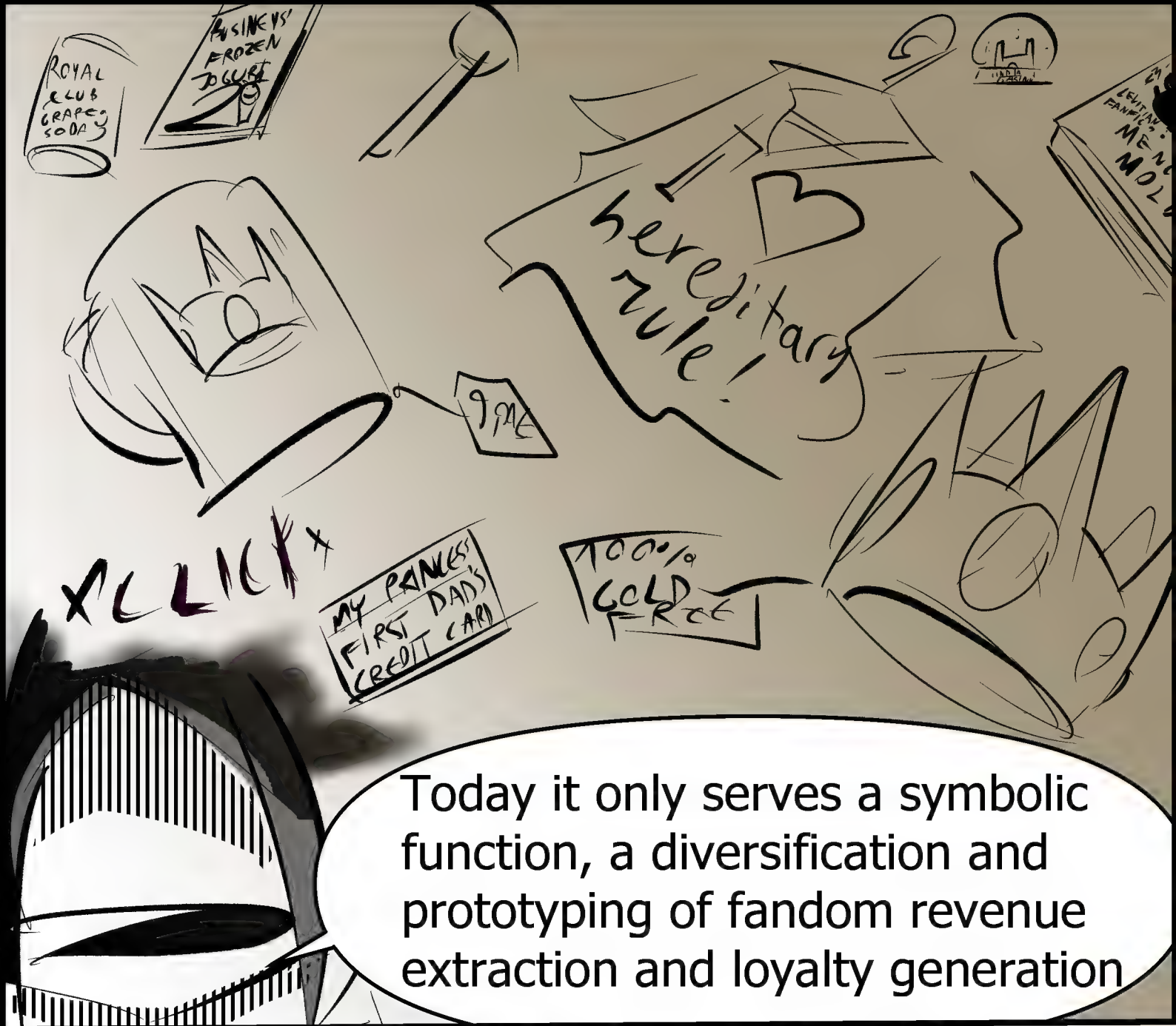


And I'm not talking about Kurma's stupid vanity project here

calculating...







The exchange
of this data would
indeed change the
probability of
survival

click

But
for whom
and in which
direction
click

click

What?

Oh...

Let's just
say she is
who spun
the cocoon
on this world




And the
one who
will make
it burst
out as
a butterfly

for further
pimping out?

haha

click

yes



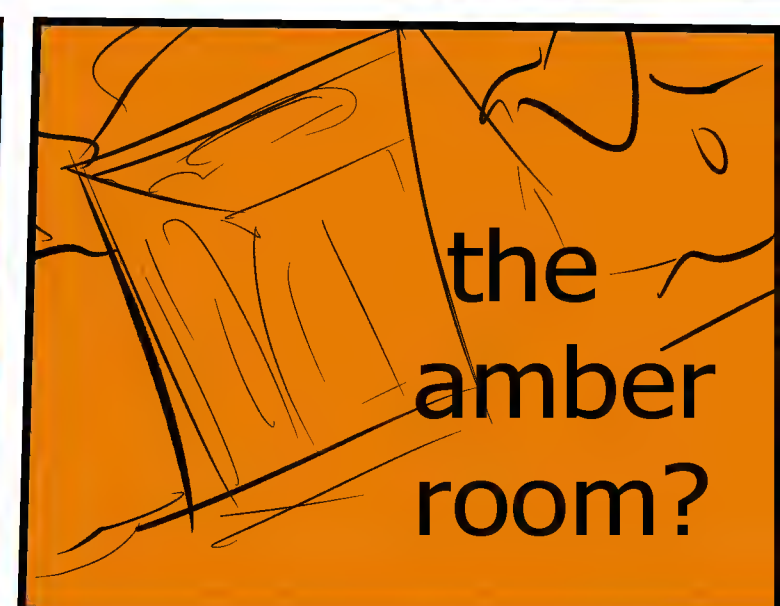
Tch, think
you're funny?

No

Still gave me enough,
so I only need to
guess what you are
here for



the girl?



the
amber
room?



New recruits and
nourishment for
them?

Confirmation

x lick x

What
is that
supposed
to mean?

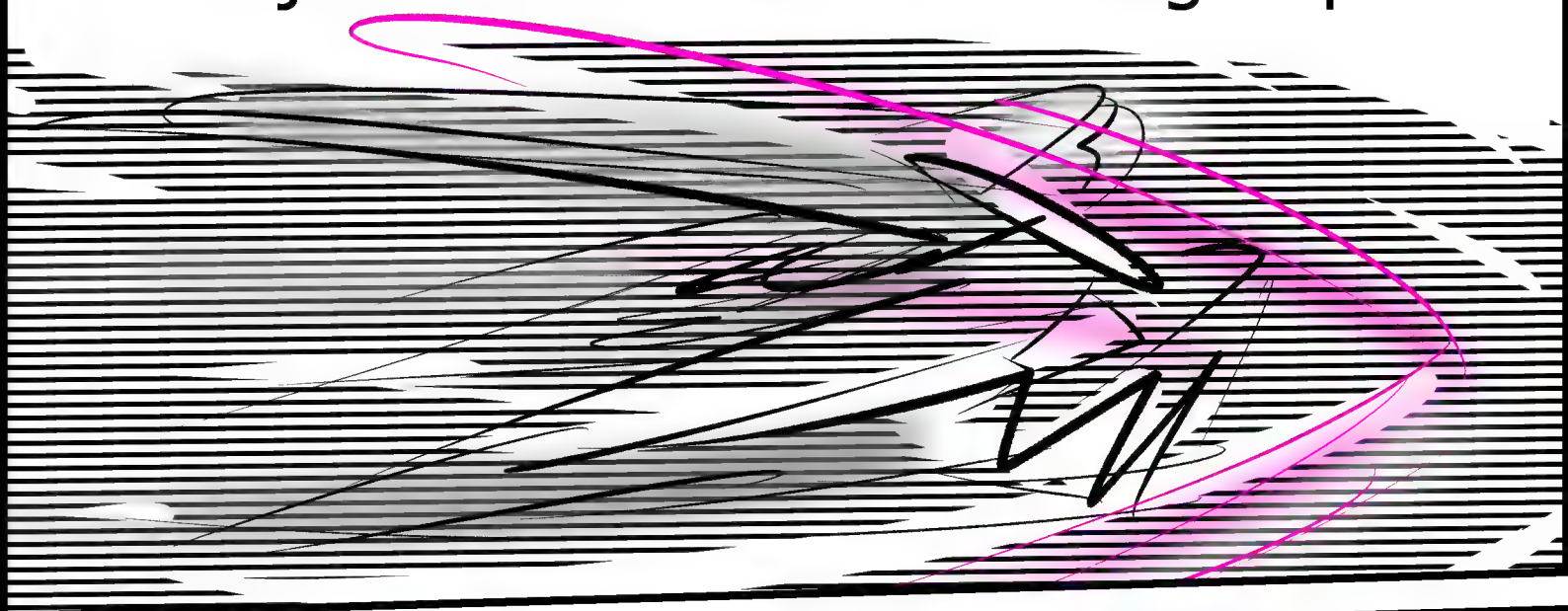
Whatever, if you
smartass don't
wanna cooperate...

Rabbit-

Rabid-

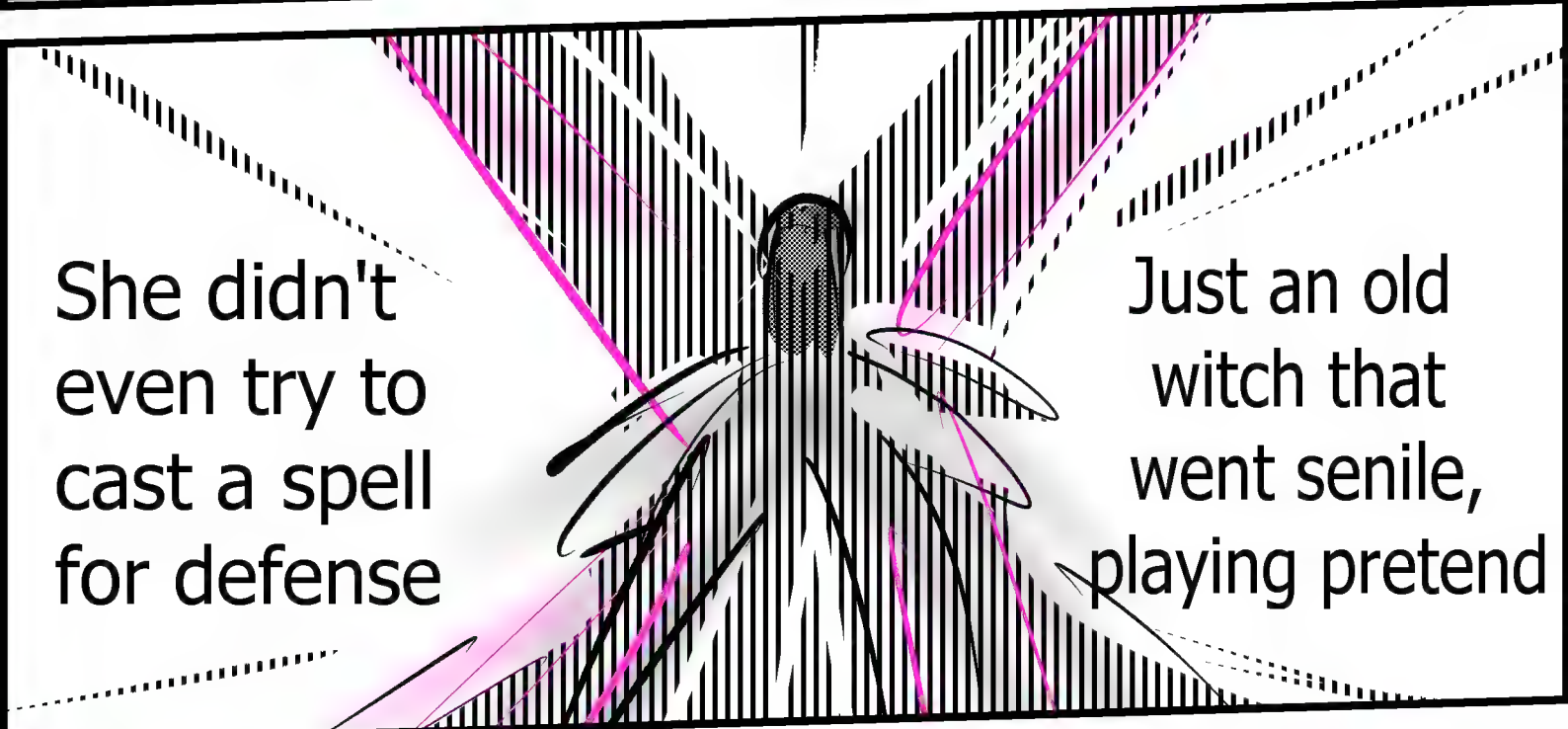
Rabbit-rabbid

Confirmation? This organization must
be just as dumb as Kurma's group



She didn't
even try to
cast a spell
for defense

Just an old
witch that
went senile,
playing pretend



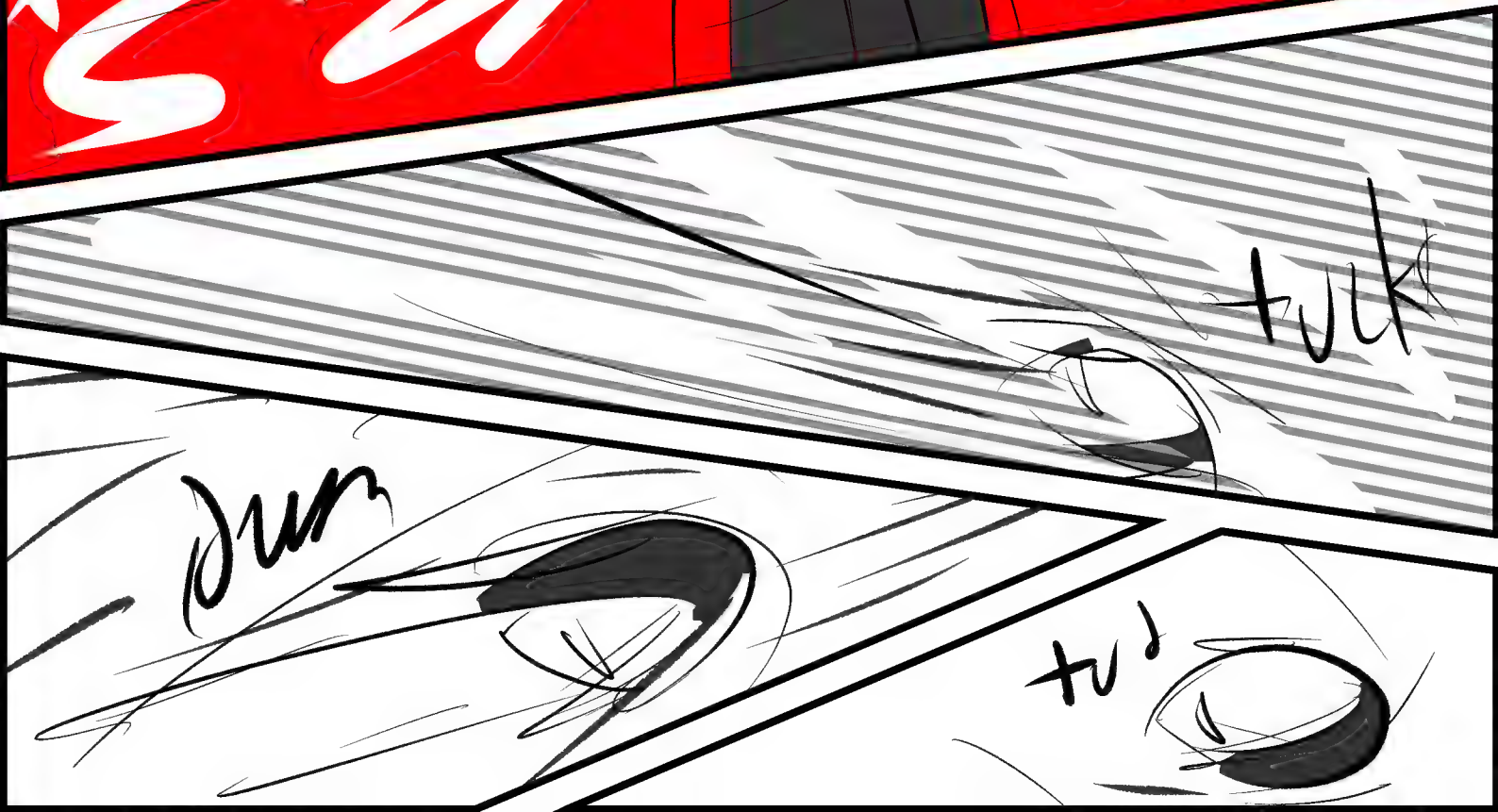
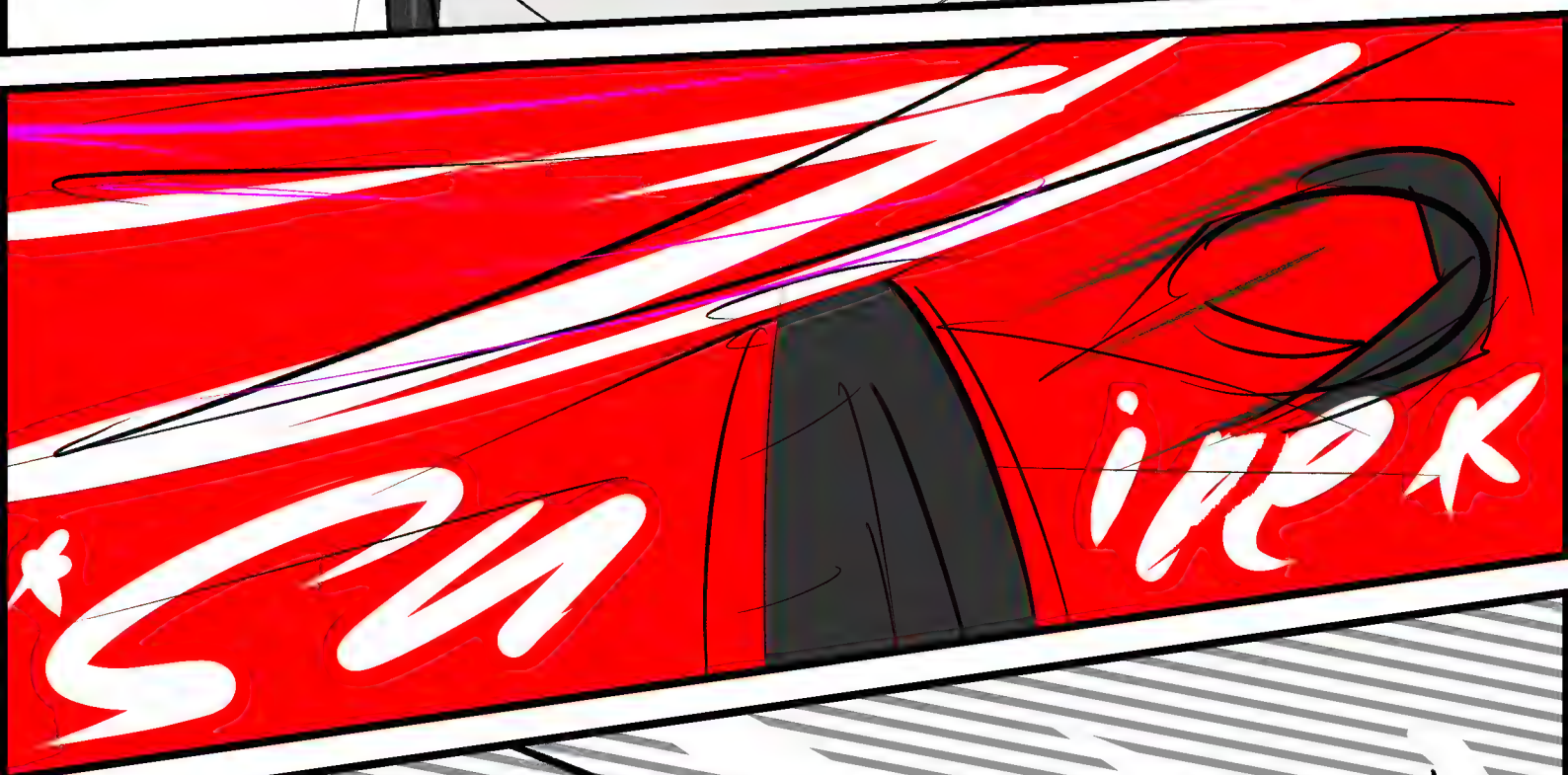
Still, taking her
out will be the
safest bet



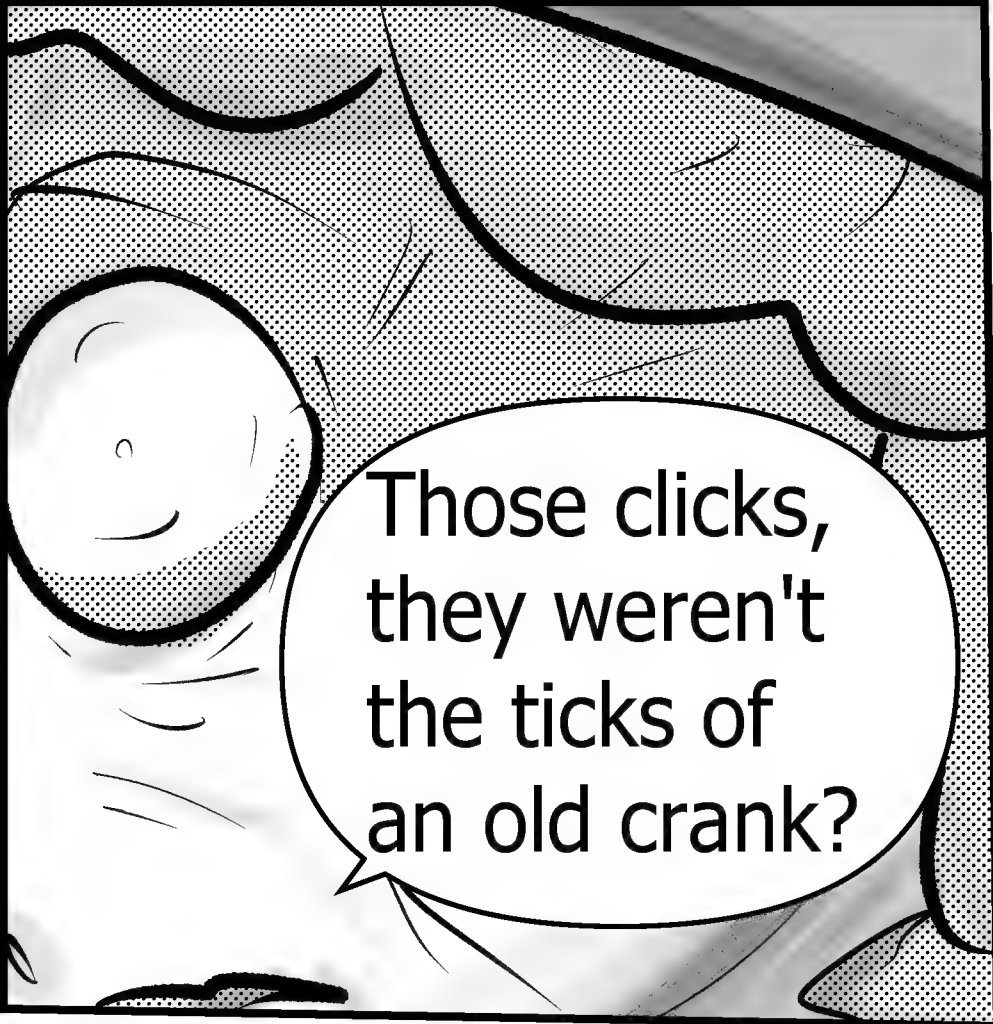
CLICK

it's a
waste

even if







Those clicks,
they weren't
the ticks of
an old crank?

An Khoisan
dialect,
optimised
for my casting
needs




By breaching
my exoskeleton,
you fulfilled the
condition of this
enchantment

You- Wh-
what
are you-

A black and white comic panel showing a close-up of a hand with long, dark hair scratching its skin. The hand is moving from the top right towards the bottom left.

Wh-why do I feel

like ants are
under my skin?!

A black and white comic panel showing a close-up of a hand with long, dark hair scratching its skin. The hand is moving from the top right towards the bottom left.


Wrong
taxonomical
Order

but
pragmatically

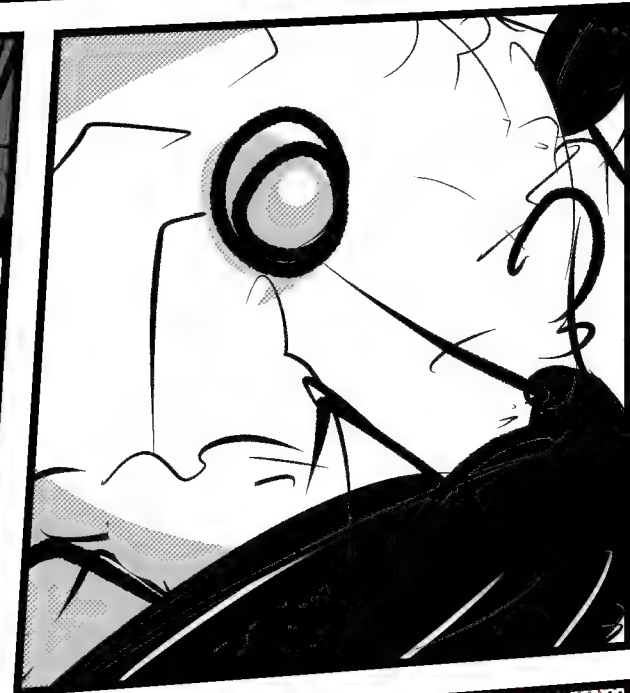
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what counts is that it is an

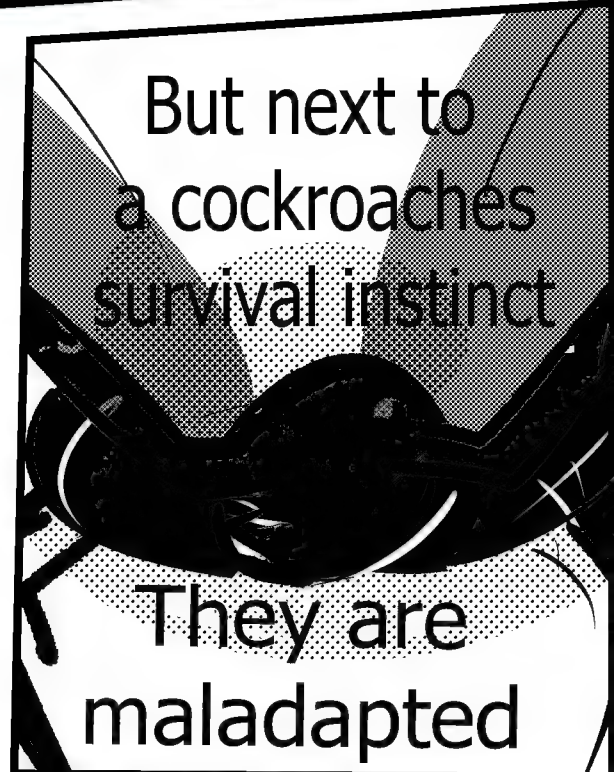
Intestatin

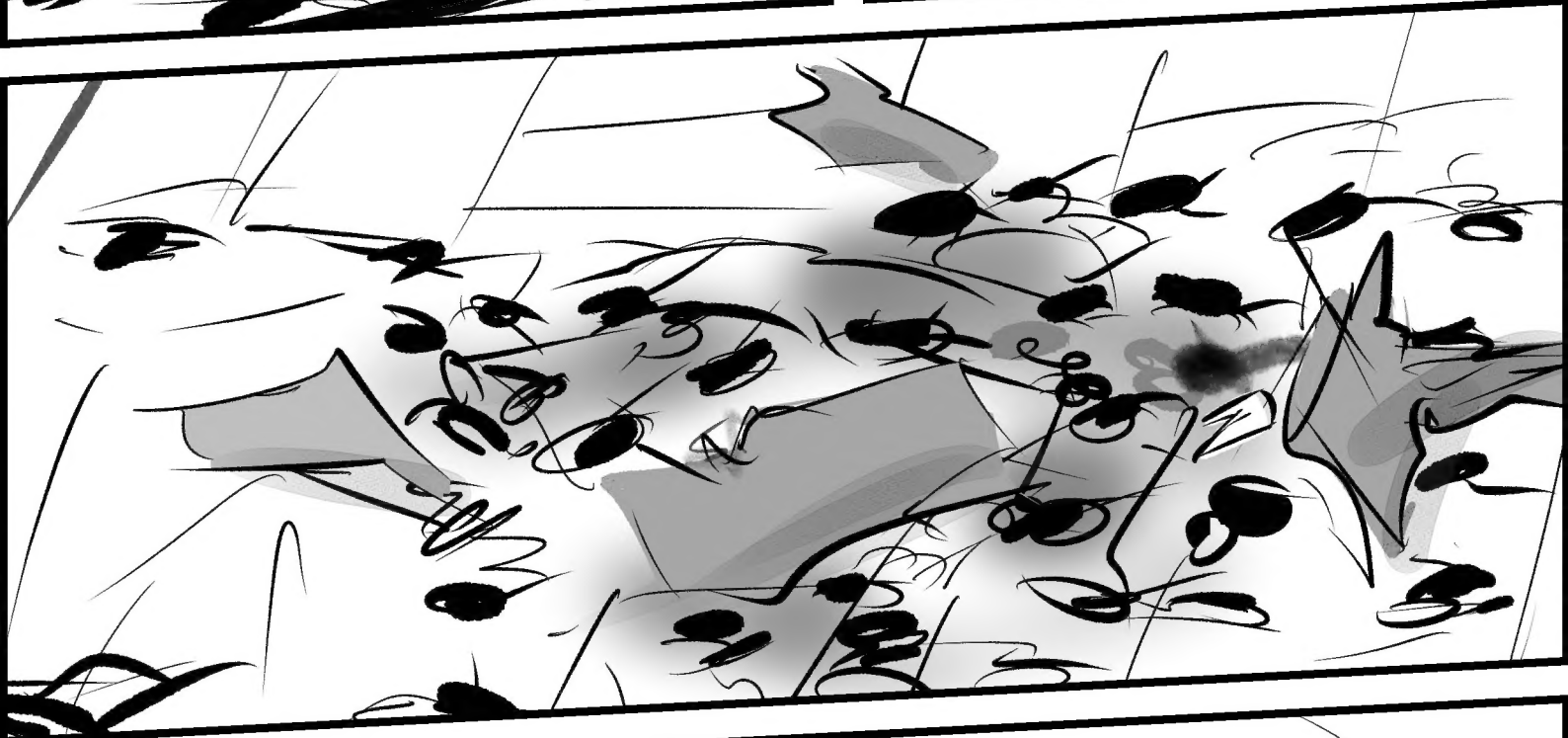
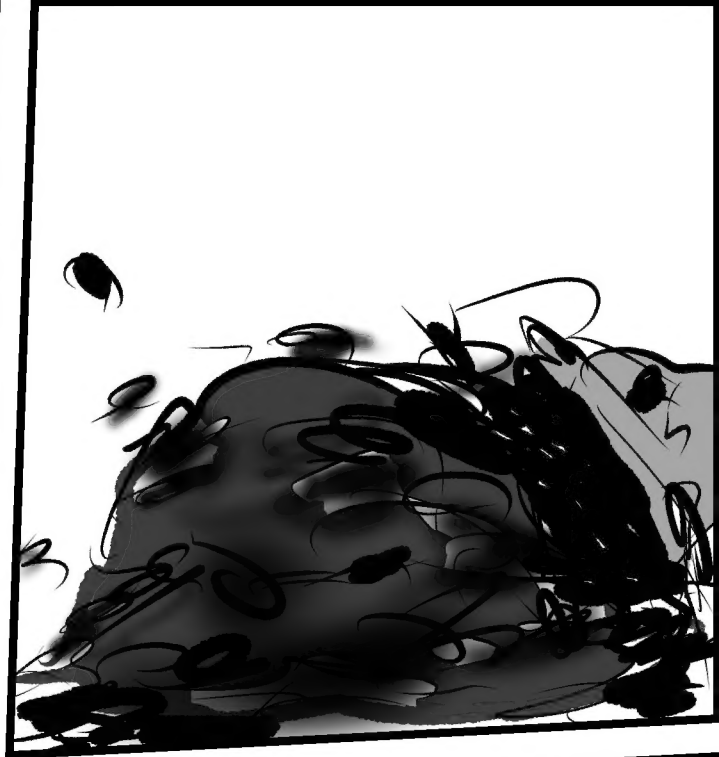
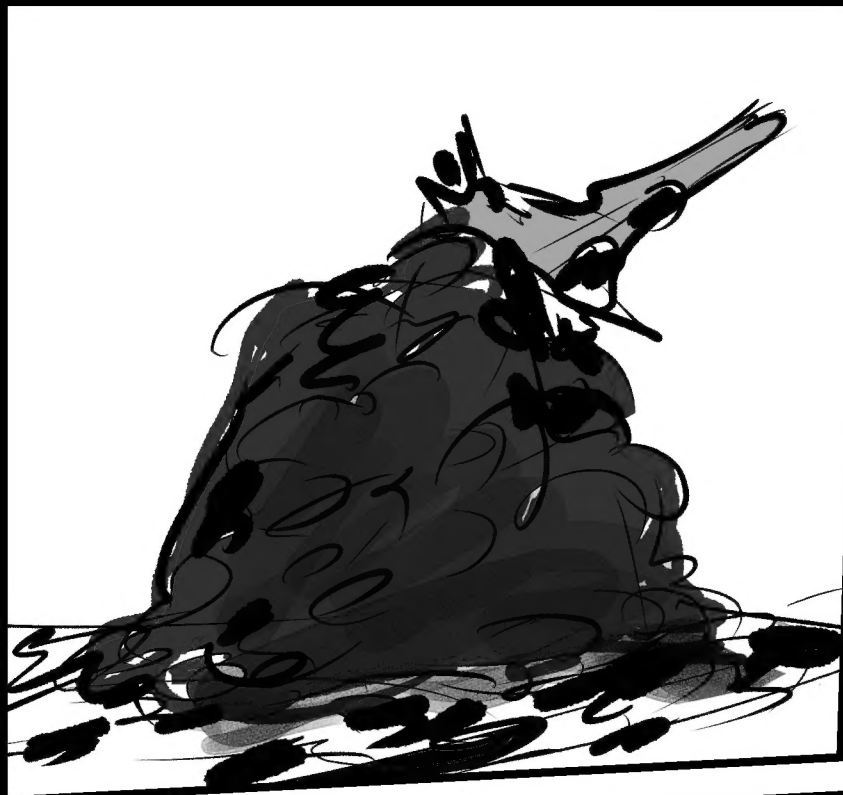
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Wh-wh



the beauty of the Survival of the Fittest





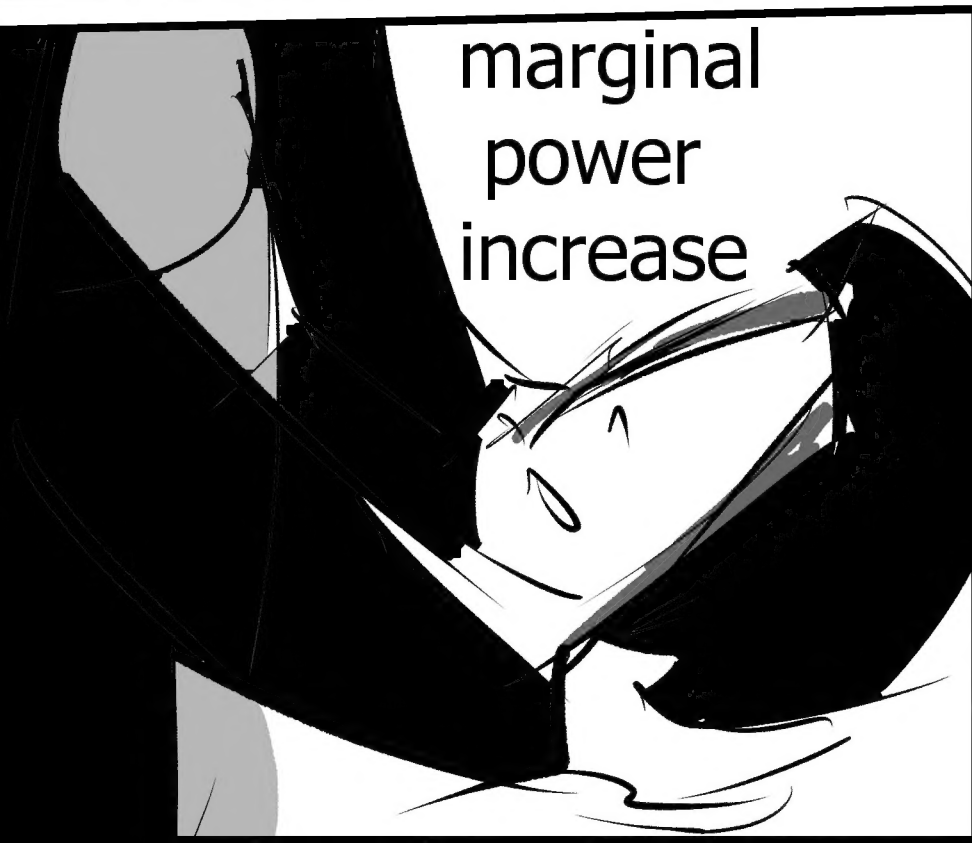
Side mission
completed



Mabaas
agent
liquidated



marginal
power
increase





pop

All done during uproar, to
remove target without notice

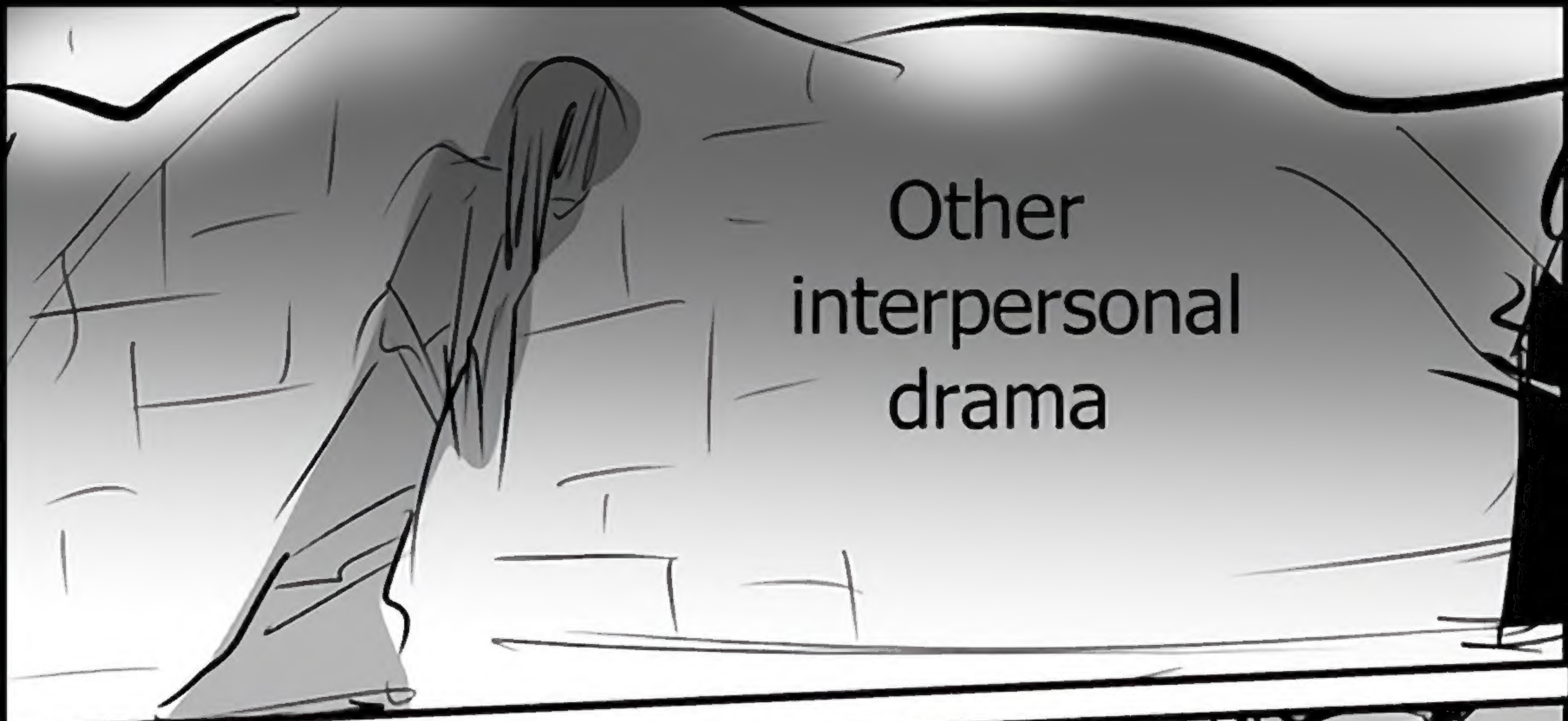


Data gathering
complete


Kishin destroyer:
ineffective, even
if not terminated
by somebody,
too demotivated
to be threatening




All possibilities lead to the same resolution



Other
interpersonal
drama



might be
stimulating



but any
realistic
outcome



irrelevant to Ultra's
plan's success

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